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## UP Paper receives MEDC support

\$1.9M award to go toward working capital line of credit

LANSING — The Michigan Economic Development Corporation recently announced that the Michigan Strategic Fund Board approved additional support for UP Paper, a nearly 100-year-old paper mill in Manistique. The award from the MSF consists of approximately \$1.9 million in collateral support that will enable a \$4.25 million working capital line of credit from Crestmark, a division of Meta bank.

Originally created in 1984, the MSF board is tasked with the responsibilities of approving grants and loans under different Michigan programs to promote economic development and job creation. In August, state Rep. Sara Cambensy (D-Marquette) invited MEDC CEO Jeff Mason to tour the facility, along with Rep. Scott Dianda (D-Calumet), state Sen. Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba), Alan Barr, with Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce, and others in an effort to highlight the importance of the plant to the community and the state.

"Our roots in timber, forest products and natural resources run deep in the Upper Peninsula. Keeping these industries strong and sustainable is a major priority for my office, and fighting for them is necessary to preserve local jobs and sustain our communities," said Cambensy. "I commend UP Paper and the four investors from the U.P. who took a risk, saw the potential of this mill, and kept the best interests of the employees and community at heart. The employees have also shown initiative and loyalty, and I'd like to thank them for their commitment to help strengthen the company."

The recent decision by the MEDC will allow the mill to make needed improvements, grow, and continue to compete in a global market," she continued. "We are grateful to the MEDC for their ability to see the long-term opportunities UP Paper is pursuing and for making this investment in our region and

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### Events

**Dec. 7, 8** — Manistique High School Drama presents "Clue," Manistique Middle and High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**Dec. 8** — Eva Burrell Animal Shelter's Holiday Bake Sale, Shopko Hometown, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Dec. 8** — Mueller Township Holiday Gathering.

**Dec. 9** — 54th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, St. Francis de Sales Church, 3 p.m.

**Dec. 9** — Children's Christmas Party, VFW Post 4420, 1-3 p.m.



Pioneer Tribune photos  
The annual Children's Christmas Party took place at the Elks Lodge in Manistique Saturday, welcoming children from across the area. Included in the event were games, gifts, drawings, food, and, of course, visits with "Santa". Above, Gunnar Nord smiles excitedly next to Santa. At left, the top floor of the Elks Lodge was filled with children and parents eagerly celebrating the holiday season.

## Board decides on new leader

Members set to approve contract early next week

MANISTIQUE — Manistique Area Schools will likely have a new superintendent selected by next week. Following a second round of interviews Monday, the MAS Board of Education voted to offer the position to a candidate from Chassell Township Schools.

The board had initially received 20 applications for the superintendent position currently held by Maryann Boddy, who was hired as superintendent in 2015. She served as both superintendent and Emerald Elementary principal during the 2017-18 school year. On Aug. 19, Boddy submitted her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective Dec. 31.

From the initial 20 applicants, five were selected for public interviews held Dec. 1. Two candidates, Glenda Oginski from Merrill Area Public Schools in Wisconsin, and Howard Parmentier from Chassell Township Schools, were asked to return for a second public interview held Monday.

Following the interviews, the MAS Board of Education voted unanimously to enter into contract negotiations with Howard Parmentier.

"Mr. Parmentier has superintendent experience," explained MAS Board of Education President Rae Birt following

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### News Briefs

**Two recounts scheduled in Garden, Fairbanks races**

GARDEN — Two Delta County recounts will be held at Dec. 6. The recounts will begin at 1 p.m. at Gladstone City Hall.

The first will recount the ballots of the Nov. 6 General Election in Fairbanks, Garden, Nahma and Inowod Townships for the Big Bay de Noc School District sinking fund millage proposal. The proposal received 617 "yes" votes and 617 "no" votes, resulting in a tie.

The second will recount the Fairbanks Township supervisor race for which Ron Collins received 101 votes and Dan Dalgord received 97 votes.

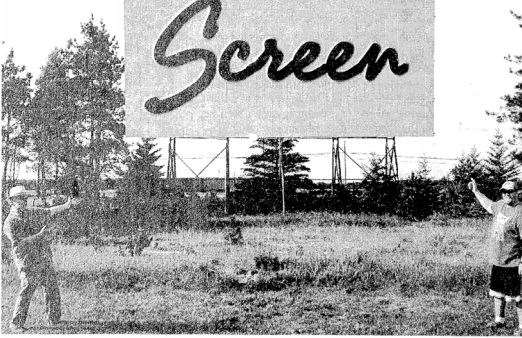
**Winter parking restrictions now in place in Manistique**

MANISTIQUE — Winter parking restrictions are now in effect in the city of Manistique. The restrictions prohibit parking on any street or highway between the hours of 2-7 a.m.

Violators of the restrictions will be cited and vehicles may be towed. The restrictions will remain in effect until April 1.

## BACK TO THE BIG

UP Film Union saves drive-in



MANISTIQUE — Built in 1953 and originally called the "U.S. 2 Drive-In", the last drive-in theater in the Upper Peninsula has been officially closed for almost two decades. That is, until the Upper Peninsula Film Union and mBank decided to save it.

The Upper Peninsula Film Union is a nonprofit organization comprised of Manistique residents Kevin Knaffla, Don Erickson, and Eric Sherbinow. For the past three years, the U.P. Film Union, with the aid of U.P. corporate sponsors, has produced free drive-in movie events for the community. During these special events, various nonprofit groups have operated the concession stand, retaining the funds raised by sales.

Since the drive-in was listed

Eric Sherbinow, left, and Don Erickson, right, both part of the U.P. Film Union, pose in front of the U.P.'s last drive-in theater located just outside of Manistique.

for sale, the unique drive in venues were existing under the threat of closure. In fact, in early 2018, the drive in property

was nearly sold to an interest that would have put an end to the events.

Last fall, mBank sponsored

the popular "Fright Night at the

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**3-Day Forecast**

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# National forest plans burns

GLADSTONE — The USDA Forest Service plans to burn vegetation piles in five different areas this winter. Current weather forecasts suggest suitable burning weather may occur in the next several weeks. If conditions are not right, the burns will be postponed until more favorable conditions.

Though unlikely, smoke may settle in some areas during evening hours. For those who have health problems that may be aggravated by smoke production, contact Cory Henry, zone assistant fire management officer at (906) 387-2512, ext. 1039, to be personally notified prior to any burning activities.

The piles are composed of six-inch or smaller diameter branches, bases of small trees, and needles left from conifer sales and/or fuel break maintenance on the Hiawatha National Forest. Firefighters will conduct the controlled pile burns to reduce concentrations of slash

and to create natural firebreaks by keeping large accumulations of hazardous fuels away from private homes and property boundaries. The piles are located in five areas shown on the map here:

The Runway project is three miles north of Camp 7 Lake Campground located off of County Road 442 in T43N, R18W, Section 22. The piles cover approximately 78 acres.

In the Runway area, smoke may be visible from Gooseneck Lake and County Road 442 in Delta County. The Runway area the piles are approximately 10-foot by 10-foot by 50-foot in size. When lit in the morning, these piles will take the whole day to consume.

The Mike White project is located two miles north of County Road 440 and one mile east of Forest Road 2258 at T44N, R18W, Section 29. The piles here are approximately five-foot by five-foot by five-foot in size scattered

over 40 acres. These piles will burn to ash within a few hours of being lit.

The Pine Martin project is located off County Road 440 and Southwest of Triangle Lake at the Pine Martin Run trail head at T43N, R18W, Section 2. The piles are approximately five-foot by five-foot by five-foot in size covering an area of 40 acres. These piles will burn to ash within a few hours of being lit.

The South Schawe project is six miles southeast of Rapid River, approximately three miles south of U.S. Highway 23 and just east of County road 513 on the Stonington Peninsula in T40N, R21W, Sections 18 and 30. The piles are approximately five-foot by five-foot in size and cumulatively would cover

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# Flashback



**FISHING FOR A BIG WIN**

Pioneer Tribune Archive photo

From the Dec. 11, 2008 edition, From left to right: Emerald Elementary third grader Kyle Hoholik, fourth grader Natasha Joslin, and fifth grader Renee Northrup were the first, second, and third place winners in the recent "Fish Smart - Eat Smart" poster contest sponsored by the Manistique River Area of Concern Public Advisory Council, the PAC, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health, LMAS District Health Department, and Manistique Area Schools, organized the contest as part of ongoing efforts to promote fish consumption as a key ingredient of a healthy diet, while also educating anglers in the lower Manistique River about the health risks of eating certain kinds of fish that may be higher than others in chemical contamination. The posters will be distributed as part of an educational "tool kit" to clinics, health departments, community service agencies, and bait shops. The winning students received Manistique Merchants Association cash prizes. As the first-place winner, Hoholik's artwork will be used in an awareness poster that will eventually be displayed on a local billboard. He will also receive a copy of the posted signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.



*Keep on exploring*

Courtesy photos

Emerald Elementary Exceptional Explorers for the week of Nov. 12 were, above, from left to right: Molly Erickson-Smith, kindergarten; Elsie Mason, preschool; Elsie Abrahamson, first grade. At left: Carina Harper, fifth grade; and Huntur Salisbury, fourth grade. At right: Kaylee Kangas, second grade; and Aurora Demers, third grade.

# The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune

## 50 years ago

**December 5, 1968**

A total of 99 aircraft utilized the facilities of the Schoolcraft County Airport during November, compared to 34 during the same month last year, Airport Manager Vern Bernard has reported. Users included a DC-3 from the Federal Aviation Authority, plus planes from the General Telephone Co., Lakehead Pipeline, Land & Sea Airways, Northernair Motors, the University of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Aeronautics and the Department of Natural Resources.

The happy question of what to do with \$13,000 will be faced by members of the Manistique Girl Scout Council next month. Mrs. Frances Malette, president of the local council, reported this week that the money had been sent the local council as its one-fifth share of the proceeds from the sale of Camp Timberlake in the Hiawatha National Forest. The money will remain under the control of the Manistique Council, Mrs. Malette said, and would be used for some social project within the Girl Scout program. She urged that persons interested in Girl Scouting, including those who have worked on the program in past

years, contact her to offer comments and advice as to how the money should be utilized.

Bids totaling \$91,164 were received for a new city hall for Manistique Tuesday afternoon. Low bidders included Manistique Builders, general construction, \$72,794; Hoholik's plumbing, \$7,100 and heating, \$4,400, and V&M Electric of Menominee, electrical, \$6,870. The totals are almost \$14,000 less than the total of low bids received Oct. 15, at the first letting of the project. In order to cut cost, the city changed some interior finishing, placing of drives and sidewalks, and asked for cheaper lighting and plumbing fixtures. The new total is "within reach" of the city financially, said City Manager Robert Noe. The city has \$49,000 coming from the sale of the present city hall to the U.S. Forest Service, some \$12,000 left over from the sale of the old city hall on River St., another \$5,000 derived from the sale of the industrial site, and approximately \$8,000 for site due if plans for the new medical center at Steuben and Cherry Sts. materialize. In addition, the present Public Safety garage on Fifth St., which has an appraised value of \$16,000 would be offered for sale.

## 35 years ago

**December 8, 1983**

The Manistique Area Schools' Board of Education, by unanimous resolution, has established a Manistique Area Schools' Foundation. The Board action was taken upon recommendation of a group of citizens interested in establishing a financial foundation upon which to support an ongoing and perpetual scholarship program for graduates of Manistique High School. This recommendation was made after a group of citizens had thoroughly studied the available scholarships to Manistique students, and the need was clearly indicated.

Five thousand cubic yards of PCB contaminated soil may remain in Manistique if the Michigan Department of Transportation has its way. According to Jack Morgan of the DOT, officials of the DOT are planning to ask the Department of Natural Resources to allow the tainted sludge to stay on the construction site of the new US-2 bridge. The soil, which was dredged up

from the Manistique Harbor in preparation for the new bridge, has been the center of debate since September. Unemployment in Michigan reached a two-year low as the statewide jobless rate fell to 11.7 percent in November, down from October's 12.5 percent, according to estimates released by S. Martin Taylor, director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission. Taylor reported that unemployment in Michigan dropped by 41,000 in November to total 487,000. In October, joblessness in the state totaled 528,000. The current labor force numbers are well below those of a year ago, he added. In November 1982, statewide unemployment stood at 694,000 for a rate of 16.4 percent. The statewide unemployment rate reached its lowest level since October 1981 when it was 11.6 percent, and the number of unemployed slipped below the half million mark for the first time since September 1981 when it was 460,000.

## 20 years ago

**December 10, 1998**

On Thanksgiving Day, the Manistique Lions Club sponsored the 10th annual Richard E. Stoll Companionship Thanksgiving Dinner at the Manistique Senior Center. Sixty guests arrived early to enjoy a glass of cold beer while visiting with friends. At noon, a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, prepared by Sharon Lehman and Glen Bremer, was served. Lions Club members and volunteers also put up and delivered 35 meals for homebound folks. "This gathering would not be possible if it were not for the help of many, many volunteers and the donations and support of several local businesses and organizations," Lions Club member George Lyon said. "Our objective is to provide an opportunity for people to come together to enjoy a good meal and the company of friends and acquaintances. The Lions Club felt the goal was met again this year."

Firearm deer hunters in 1998 recorded the second largest harvest ever in Michigan, taking an estimated 320,000 deer, according to preliminary figures released Friday, Dec. 4, by the state's Department of Natural Resources. The record firearm season harvest is 334,940 deer in 1989. While final deer figures will not be available until July 1999, DNR biologists said mild weather, an early corn harvest and good deer numbers statewide resulted in a higher-than-expected firearm harvest during the 16-day season which ended Nov. 30.

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## 10 years ago

**December 11, 2008**

Members of the parish and St. Francis de Sales School family gathered last Sunday for the blessing and dedication of the school's newest addition - the junior high academy wing connecting the old school building and the church. When it officially opens, the wing will house students, in grades 6-8, and will include math and science labs. Also in the addition are a teachers' lounge and restroom facility.

It takes all kinds of support to make the annual Schoolcraft County Community Christmas Program a success. Generous residents and organizations are needed to fill

gift tags for children. Crafters are needed to donate clothing to the Mitten Trees. Contributors are needed to support the food voucher effort. Of course, support from the local business community is another critical ingredient of the annual campaign to help those in need, and two key corporate donations recently gave a big boost to the cause. The Manistique Pamida store gave over \$2,400 to help take care of gift tags that were not filled by the community this year. Manistique Charities, the community service arm of Manistique Papers Inc., also made its annual donation, giving \$2,500 to help fill gift tags and purchase food for the voucher program.

# mBank campaign to support UPAWS

MARQUETTE — mBank is recently announced a new community focused campaign that will benefit the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter or UPAWS. For each new qualifying (CD, checking, savings, or money market account opened at an Upper Peninsula mBank branch December 1, 2018 through February 15, 2019, \$100 will be donated to UPAWS.

Additionally, mBank has committed to sponsoring adoption days at UPAWS on December 20, 2018 and February 14, 2019 where all adoption fees will be covered by the bank, collecting shelter supplies at each of its UP branches, and is launching a social media campaign on Facebook where every new page like mBank receives will equal an additional \$1 donation to UPAWS.

"We are absolutely ecstatic about partnering with mBank," explained Kori Tossava, UPAWS Executive Director/Capital Cam-

paign Manager. "UPAWS' vision is to create a community where there are no abandoned, homeless, or abused animals. It takes a cooperative spirit to fulfill the goal of a shelter that serves our animal companion needs and the community as a whole, and we are grateful to mBank for this generous commitment."

"Contributing to help UPAWS aligns with mBank's mission to give back to the local communities we serve. UPAWS is also very near and dear to many of our employees' hearts," explained Kelly W. George, mBank President and CEO. We are happy to be able to partner with UPAWS and support the incredible work they do advocating for animals and the safe haven they provide while finding these animals their lifelong homes."

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## Manistique among those to receive USDA financing

WASHINGTON — Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett recently announced that USDA is investing \$1.2 billion to help rebuild and improve rural water infrastructure for 936,000 rural Americans living in 46 states. Included in the municipalities receiving financing is the city of Manistique.

"Access to water is a key driver for economic opportunity and quality of life in rural communities," Hazlett said. "Under the leadership of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural communities in building prosperity through modern water infrastructure."

USDA is providing financing for 234 water and environmental infrastructure projects through the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program.

The funding can be used for drinking water, stormwater drainage and waste disposal systems for rural communities with 10,000 or fewer residents.

Eligible communities and water districts can apply online on the interactive RD Apply tool, or they can apply through one of USDA Rural Development's state or field offices.

"Michigan residents are rightly concerned about ensuring water quality," said USDA Rural Development State Director for Michigan Jason Allen. "These projects continue USDA's historic investments in the health and future well-being of our rural communities."

Rural Michigan received more than \$59 million in funding.

The city of Manistique, in Schoolcraft County, will use a \$1,632,000 loan and \$4,896,000 grant to continue needed improvements to its sewer system. Starting in 1989, the city embarked on upgrades to close three combined sewer overflows and one remains.

This project will consist of work at the wastewater treatment plant, the sanitary sewer siphon under the Manistique River, and Park Avenue.

The sewer system serves 1,195 residential and 224 commercial users.

Manistique will also use a \$638,000 loan and \$1,912,000 grant to improve its distribution system, which is approximately 70-100 years old.

The water system serves 1,240 residential and 243 commercial users.

The city of Bessemer, in Gogebic County, will use a \$2,606,000 loan and \$7,814,000 grant to improve its water system, much of which dates to the early 1900s and uses lead-joined cast iron pipe. The project will replace approximately six miles of water main, valves, and hydrants. The water system serves 754 residential and 103 commercial customers.

Bessemer will also use a \$2,751,000 loan and \$8,245,000 grant to update its sewer system. The project will replace approximately six miles of sewer main. The sewer system serves 891 residential and 98 commercial customers.

Oceana County will use a \$23,800,000 loan to construct a sewer collection and treatment system in the Silver Lake area of Golden Township, which is located along the eastern side of Silver Lake State Park.

The treatment facility will have two lagoons, a chemical feed, and a trickling sand bed filtration area. The project will serve an area with 809 residents and 39 commercial users and is configured to permit the addition of 500 more homes to the system in the future.

The Lakewood Wastewater Authority, which serves communities in Ionia and Barry counties, will use a \$4,827,000 loan for

another phase of sewer improvements. Over the last several years, the Authority has received loan funding for rerouting of the sewer main, additional force main, and a wastewater treatment facility upgrade. The current project will address a chain of pump stations. The sewer system serves the communities of the village of Lake Odessa, village of Woodland, Odessa Township, and Woodland Township with 1,202 residential and 153 commercial customers.

The Village of Baroda, in Berrien County, will use a \$532,000 loan for the water system improvement portion of the overall streetscape, sewer, and water improvement project.

The water system purchases water from Lake Charter Township and serves 263 residential and 64 commercial customers.

In April 2017, the president established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to the president.

These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a key recommendation of the task force.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas.

For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).



Courtesy photos  
Local shoppers hit the streets recently during Small Business Saturday. The movement was launched in 2010 by American Express in an effort to support local shops that make communities strong. The day takes place annually the Saturday after Thanksgiving to encourage people to "Shop Small" and bring more holiday shopping to small businesses. Above and at right, shopper pause to pose for pictures in local stores.



### News Briefs

#### Class of 2019 parents' meeting scheduled for Jan. 8, to address party

MANISTIQUE — The next class of 2019 parents' meeting for the grad party is scheduled for Jan. 8.

The meeting will take place at

7 p.m. at the Manistique Middle and High School.

The purpose of the meeting will be to select by vote the main entertainment for the grad

party. Alternative ideas for entertainment may be presented to the group that evening, providing as much information as possible.

#### Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel plan Dec. meeting

MANISTIQUE — Michigan Association Retired School Personnel members from Schoolcraft and Eastern Delta counties will gather for a

Christmas party and gift exchange Dec. 12.

The gathering will take place at the Comfort Inn, 617 East Lakeshore Drive in Manistique at

11:30 a.m.

Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items or paper products for area food pantries.

## Planned burns

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approximately three acres. During active pile burning in the South Schaawc area, smoke may be visible from Gladstone, U.S. Highway 2 east of Rapid River, and along County Road 513 in Delta County. The piles should burn to ash within a few hours.

The Gravel Pit project is located approximately two miles south of Highway 94 and one mile west of the Rapid River truck trail in T45N, R20W, Section 10. This is a single pile and large in size at 10-foot by 30-foot by 20-foot. When ignited smoke from this pile may be visible from Chatham, Au Train, and Manistig. This pile will continue to produce smoke as it consumes throughout the day.

For more information about the Hiawatha National Forest's 2018/2019 prescribed burn plans,

visit the forest's "News and Events" page or contact Eric Rebitzke, the

Hiawatha's Fire Management officer, at (906)-428-5856.



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**RECOUNT NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Canvassers will conduct a recount of the votes cast at the November 6, 2018 General Election for the Schoolcraft County Jail Proposal and the candidates who sought the office of County Commissioner-District 1. The recount will commence at:

DATE: Friday, December 14, 2018  
TIME: 8 a.m.


LOCATION: Schoolcraft County Courthouse  
300 Walnut Street, Circuit Court Room  
Manistique, MI 49854

The recount is expected to be completed by December 14, 2018.

*Beth A. Edwards*  
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## Obituaries

### Kids with heart



Courtesy photo  
At Big Bay de Noc School, Ms. Bradshaw's math students recently participated in Operation Christmas Child. Students filled shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, toiletries, etc. to send to kids around the world. Pictured above are Alex Bteau and Piper Jones.

### News Brief

#### Manistique Amity Group plans meeting Dec. 12

MANISTIQUE — The Manistique Amity Group will meet Dec. 12. The meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. inside the Presbyterian Church. Steve Bosen will speak on safety and self-defense. If interested in joining amity, call 341-6840 or 341-5081.

#### Merilee M. Blowers

MARQUETTE — Merilee Mae (Chartier) Blowers, of Marquette, Mich. and formerly of Manistique, Mich., entered into eternal life on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at the age of 58 years.

Beloved wife of Calvin, devoted mother of Ryan (Sayaka), Merissa Blowers Briere (George), Jamison (Ashley) and Holly. Cherished grandmother of Van, Ashton, Alessio, Gianna and Axel. Loving daughter to Mary J. Chartier-Irish and preceded in death by her father Wilbur "Webb" Chartier. Further survived by her sister Diane (Mary), brothers, Donny and Rocky (Bill), and countless nieces and nephews, along with many other family and friends.

Merilee was born on July 11, 1960, in Manistique to Wilbur and Mary (Bongi) Chartier.

Merilee started out in the recycling industry at Manistique Papers, as a co-op student at the age of 17. In 2004, Merilee finished earning her BA in business and accounting with honors at Lake Superior State University. In 2007, Merilee joined Sonoco Paper Mills.

She oversaw procurement of fiber for both the Menasha and Depere Paper Mills. Merilee was instrumental with developing a recycling program with the State Prison System in Michigan with installing balers for recycling corrugated boxes. Merilee was a pillar in the industry and loved by



Merilee M. Blowers

many and will be truly missed.

Merilee had a magnetizing personality that drew people to her. She had a laugh and smile that was infectious to all around. It was easy being a part of her life, because she loved everyone unconditionally, and would help everyone and anyone she could. She will be missed and never forgotten.

The Blowers family would like to thank the Sandra J. Schulze Hope Lodge, Rochester, Minn., for their unconditional support and love to the family. In addition, they want to thank the Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice in Marquette, and their angels that loved and cared for Merilee and her family these past weeks. No words can express how wonderful you comforted Merilee and the family during this time.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. until noon at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 330 Oak St., Manistique, MI 49854. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at noon with a luncheon to immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Mayo Clinic Hope Lodge in Rochester or Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice in Marquette ([www.lakesuperiorhospice.org](http://www.lakesuperiorhospice.org)).

The Canale-Tonella Funeral Home is assisting the Blowers family where memories of Merilee will be shared at [canalefuneral.com](http://canalefuneral.com)

#### Ivonette L. Robere

GARDEN — Ivonette Laverne Robere, 95, of Garden, Mich., passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, at UP Health Systems in Marquette, Mich., with her loving family by her side.

She was born on July 2, 1923, in Cooks, Mich., the daughter of Garland and Merilda (Popour) Wolfe. She attended and graduated from Cooks High School the class of 1941.

On Aug. 2, 1941, she married Francis LaVigne in Cooks and together they raised three children in Isabella, Mich. Francis preceded her in death on June 1, 1969. She later met and married Isaac Robere in March of 1975. He also preceded her death on Sep. 12, 1999.

She worked as a waitress for many years until she bought The Garden House and became the owner and operator.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church in Garden, the Manistique Senior Center, and the Garden Historical Society. She was an active member of Women of the Moose. Ivy was an avid Detroit Tigers fan, she loved to read and play cards with family and friends. She especially loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son Gary of Manistique; sisters, Carol Sobieski of Cooks, Donna Swayer of Cooks and Frances Thomas of Manistique.



Ivonette L. Robere

land (Barbara) LaVigne of Garden Corners, Mich.; daughters Linda (John) Thill of Garden Corners, Bonnie (Barry) Rochefort of Garden; stepdaughters, Violet (Carl) Sundling of Manistique, Mich., Joyce (George) Leskion of Garden; Zita Beck of Virginia Beach, Va.; stepson, John (Sharon) Robere of Manistique; sisters, Carol Sobieski of Cooks, Donna Swayer of Cooks and Frances Thomas of Manistique.

She is preceded in death by infant daughter Gail Ann LaVigne; brothers, Eldred and Aldin Wolfe; and sister, Kathleen Rochefort.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at St. John the Baptist Church in Garden. A Mass of Christian burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with Father John Essel officiating.

Burial will be held in the spring at Moss Lake Cemetery in Isabella. Memorial donations may be directed to the Garden area Catholic Churches.

Faust Family Funeral Homes of Manistique and Garden is assisting the family with the arrangements. Family and friends may send condolences or share a memory at [mbfuneral.com](http://mbfuneral.com).

#### William J. Roddy

OCOnton, Wis. — William "Bill" Joseph Roddy, 58, of Oconto, Wis., passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018.

He was born to Daniel and Jean Roddy on Dec. 29, 1959. He graduated from Manistique High School in 1978. Bill married the love of his life Karla (Nelson) Roddy on Aug. 3, 1985. The



William J. Roddy

couple moved to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1990 and later moved back up north to the Wausaukee area where they raised their three children. He worked in sales for over 20 years. Bill loved fishing and camping with his family. He had a passion for bird hunting and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife Karla, their three children, William D. (Joyana) Roddy, Bryan (Jill) Roddy and Katelyn (Rick) Wery; six grandchildren, James, Spencer, Cali, Ashlei, Michael and Lilli; his parents, Daniel and Jean Roddy; brother, DJ (Terri); two sisters, Rose (Dave) Roddy and Jean (Jerry) Rochefort; many nieces and nephews; and mother-in-law, Lois Nelson.

He is preceded in death by his father-in-law, Harley Nelson.

A memorial service will be held in the community hall of the First Baptist Church in Manistique at noon on Saturday, Dec. 8. A luncheon will follow.

## UPPCO: Home heating assistance program available for UP residents

MARQUETTE — As winter establishes its hold on the region, Upper Peninsula Power Company is highlighting resources, including home heating assistance, that may be available for Upper Peninsula residents.

"The process for applying for assistance has changed this year," said Brett French, UPPCO's vice president of business development and communications. "Customers must apply for assistance and support through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services by applying online at <https://michigan.gov/mbridges>."

Community Partners are available to assist those customers that may require assistance. Customers can call the U.P. 2-1-1 Call Center by dialing 2-1-1 from anywhere within the Upper Peninsula to find community partners that are located in their area. U.P. 2-1-1 is administered by

the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress a non-profit, charitable organization.

"The U.P. 2-1-1 Call Center is a great resource that people can turn to for information and assistance for a child, aging parent or the entire family," said French. "2-1-1 can help simplify the process of finding help during a time of need."

UPPCO is also highlighting the state's Winter Protection Plan. The plan covers the period of Nov. 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019. The plan helps senior citizens and income-eligible customers manage utility bills and prevent service interruptions.

Customers that are interested in the Winter Protection Plan should contact UPPCO for more information. Income-eligible customers must also apply for energy assistance through DHSS using MI Bridges to stay enrolled

in the plan.

Once enrolled, income-eligible customers must pay a portion of their estimated annual bill each month and make equal monthly payments on any past due bills. Enrolled senior citizens are not required to make payments during

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Lifestyles Briefs

# Church seeks grant to restore paintings

## Local breast cancer support group to meet

MANISTIQUE - There will be a breast cancer support group meeting Dec. 13. The meeting, which takes place in the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building Education Room, will begin at 4 p.m.

This month will be a holiday potluck. Attendees are asked to bring a dish or treat to pass. Guests are welcome.

## Bay offers beginning home brew workshop

ESCANABA - Learn how to brew beer with Bay College Training and Development's non-credit workshop in home brewing. Brew School 101: Getting Started in Home Brewing, will take place from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every other Saturday, running Jan. 19 through April 27. This 40-hour workshop is designed for people who have never brewed a batch of beer before and are interested in learning how; or for people that have made a batch or two and still have questions.

The workshop will cover everything that is needed to successfully brew beer at home, with no prior knowledge of home brewing required.

To emphasize hands-on experience, the class size will be limited to 16 participants. The cost of Brew School 101: Getting Started in Home Brewing is \$289 per person. To register for this workshop, or to view all upcoming Bay College Training and Development offerings, visit [mytraining.baycollege.edu](http://mytraining.baycollege.edu).

MANISTIQUE - Zion Lutheran in Manistique recently submitted a final grant application to Partners for Sacred Places in Philadelphia, Penn. after being selected in May to participate in their Nordic Heritage Churches Project. The purpose of the program is to preserve and restore historic architecture and art found in Scandinavian churches throughout the upper Midwest.

Zion is planning initially to clean, conserve, and restore two of their historic altar paintings and to replicate the original decorative painting and stenciling in the chancel area of the sanctuary, as seen in early photographs of the church interior.

The altar paintings planned for cleaning and conservation include August Klagstad's, "Christ in Gethsemane" and Jonas Olaf Grafstrom's "The Ascension". Klagstad was a Norwegian native who emigrated from Norway in 1873 at the age of five. He grew up in Manistique and was in Zion's first adult confirmation class in 1885.

"Christ in Gethsemane" was Klagstad's first altar painting and was completed in the summer of 1893 when Klagstad was vacationing here from Chicago. The painting first adorned the altar of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Manistique, which later became the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The painting was later donated to Zion and hangs in the foyer off the narthex. Klagstad went on to produce over 1,000 altar paintings for congregations across the nation and overseas.

The altar painting, by Jonas Olaf Grafstrom "The Ascension", has been a treasured focus of worship in Zion's sanctuary for over a century. Grafstrom was a Swedish-born artist who was noted for his



Above, Jonas Olaf Grafstrom's "The Ascension", at left, and August Klagstad's "Christ in Gethsemane", right, are two paintings the Zion Lutheran Church in Manistique is hoping to clean and conserve with a grant currently being pursued.

landscape paintings. In 1897, he became head of the art department at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill.

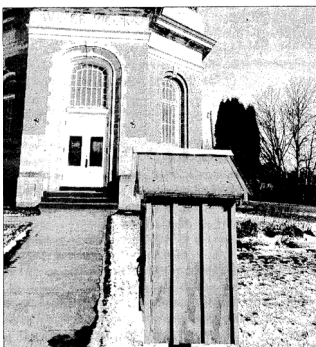
It was then that he also became known for altar paintings, many of

which can be found in Augustana Synod congregations. These were usually completed on location during the summer months when the college was out of session.

The painting in Zion's sanctuary is oil on canvass adhered to plaster, created on site soon after the Zion's painting was undoubtedly church was built in 1905.

# GFWC Manistique installs 'Little Library'

Courtesy photo  
At right, the newly constructed and installed "Free Little Library" is pictured outside the historic water tower in Manistique. The library was installed by the Manistique Women's Club, which has another library at Trader's Point.



MANISTIQUE - General Federation of Women's Clubs - Manistique has installed a second Little Free Library. It is located at Pioneer Park in front of the historic water tower.

The first library is located on Trader's Point at Blue Mystique. Literacy a mission of GFWC and providing free reading sources is in line with the goal of the Little Free Library movement across the nation. According to the Free Little Library website, "academically, children growing up in homes without books are on average three years behind children in homes with plenty of books, even when

controlled for other key factors." The two GFWC Little Free Libraries are registered at [littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/](http://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/).

The library is stocked with donations of children, teen, and adult books. GFWC will keep it stocked, but others are welcome to donate books in good condition to the library.

According to the GRWC, the library at Trader's Point has been successful for the two years it has been in place.

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## A 'wild' b(r)unch



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The staff of Seney National Wildlife Refuge were recently recognized for their contribution by the Seney National Historical association (Friends of Seney). Refuge staff attending the recognition luncheon, left to right, were: Josh Haen, fire management specialist; Matt Canfield, maintenance; Greg McClellan, assistant refuge manager; Laural Tansy, administrative technician; Sara Giles, visitors service manager; Jen Wycoff, visitors service park ranger; Don Gardner, maintenance; Jim Patton, maintenance; Sara Sietekierski, refuge manager. Seney National Historical Association (Friends of the Refuge) board members are: Bill MacLachlan, president; Tom Kenny, vice president; Nancy Straw treasurer; Laura Gasaway, secretary; Bill Hart; Dee Phinney; George Phinney; Pat Foldenauer; and Susan Rechner.

### Lifestyles Briefs

#### Manistique Zion Lutheran Church to host Nordic Festival December 13

MANISTIQUE — Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting a Nordic Festival Dec. 13. The event will be held from 6-8 p.m. in conjunction with Santa Lucia Day.

The event will showcase Zion's Scandinavian heritage, as well as display painting and other

works from talented artists, past and present, and future in the community. Zion is partnering with the Schoolcraft County Historical Society, Lake Effect Community Arts, the Manistique High School Art Department, and the Manistique Women's Club.

Scandinavian music and food items will also be featured. Donations are welcome, which will be applied to match anticipated grant funding to conserve and restore Zion's historic altar paintings and the decorative art in the chancel area of the sanctuary.

#### Women's club holds sheriff presentation, schedules next meeting date

MANISTIQUE — GFWC Manistique Women's Club recently held their November meeting.

Schoolcraft County Sheriff Paul Furman and Deputy Dianna Herik presented a program about the opioid drug epidemic and how it affects the community. They also provided advice on how to keep prescription drugs out of the hands

of children.

Also during the meeting, Shirley Letzbe was honored as club Member of the Month.

The club is currently collecting Dr. Seuss books. Call Sherri Krause, 341-6701 or Brenda Fleck, 450-0316 to donate.

The next meeting is set for Dec. 11 at 12 p.m. inside the Comfort

Inn. Featured will be the Christmas Scholarship Auction with arts, crafts, and baked goods for sale.

Tickets may be purchased at the Peoples Store for \$10 by 12 p.m. Dec. 10.

#### Sankta Lucia Festival will take place Dec. 15

MANISTIQUE — The women of Zion Lutheran Church will host the annual Sankta Lucia Festival Dec. 15. The event takes place at 10 a.m. at the church, which is located at 435 Oak St. in Manistique.

The festival, which is observed at many churches with Swedish origins, has been celebrated by Zion parishioners for nearly 70 years. It marks the arrival of the Advent season and the change from darkness to light.

According to legend, Santa (or Sankta) Lucia arrived in Sweden at a critical time, bringing clothing and food for starving people.

Each year, the Zion Church congregation selects a young lady to serve as Santa Lucia, and she is honored for her service to the church.

The 2018 Santa Lucia will be announced at the festival on the Dec. 15.

Following the program, the public is invited to join church members for a continental breakfast in the Augustana Hall. In keeping with the Lucia tradition, a free-will offering will be accepted, with the proceeds being forwarded for the fight against world hunger.

For more information, call the church at 341-5427.

Oh my gosh! Do you realize that it is December already? My, my! There is not much time left to sign up for the annual Christmas Party which is fast approaching. This year the party will be held Dec. 13 with the doors being opened at 3:30 p.m. for social hour.

We ask that you come no sooner, as the doors will remain locked until that time to make the finishing touches.

Tickets are \$10 donation per person. Dinner will consist of turkey, meatballs, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, and, of course, everyone's favorite — dessert.

We selected only the finest for entertainment because we want this evening to be special.

We have invited Darrell Dixon back to entertain. There will be door prizes, which you have to be present to win, so we encourage you to stay until the end of the party.

If you would like to be included in the gift exchange and the picture taking with Santa, please let us know when you sign up. We are excited to announce that Nichole Johnson has volunteered to take pictures this year.

We do ask that if you are in the gift exchange that ladies buy for ladies and men for men and label that on the gift, along with who the gift was given by, allowing the receiver to thank you.

The senior center held their first yoga class this past Wednesday. Those that attended enjoyed it immensely and are looking forward to a second class.

There is still time to join if you are interested. Classes will be offered on Dec. 5 and 12. Nicole Johnson, a certified class instructor, is offering the classes. Those attending receive a senior discount rate of \$5 per session. Call

## Senior Center

Connie Frenette

a few friends and join us.

For further information give Johnson a telephone call at (906) 451-1258.

If you want to get information from someone that has already attended the first session, drop by the office and chat with Karen. I am sure she would be happy to assist.

The Feeding America Food Truck will be returning to Manistique, just before the holidays. Mark your calendars for Dec. 14.

A quick reminder — if you are going to the Larry Gatlin Christmas Show, the bus will be departing from the senior center parking lot, allowing time for a quick stop for dinner.

The center is still looking for cribbage players. If you are interested, they meet every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. You're welcome to drop by for a cup of coffee and check them out.

Don't forget to check out the gift shop. You will find some unique gifts for that special someone. All items are handcrafted by local seniors.

The center looks amazing and we wish to thank the following volunteers: Sue Messer, Kaitlyn Messer, Nikole Messer, Karen Meston, and Doris Lee. It certainly puts you in the Christmas spirit.

Elizabeth Owens dropped by

the office with coffee. We sincerely thank you for your recent generous donations.

The military received a donation from J.R. Hansen and Rosalie Miller, Paul and Gladly Lafford, Anna McNally and Sally Straszak dropped by with miscellaneous donations.

The candy jar is filled thanks to Betty Lasich and Ralph "Mudcat" Burt. Dale Peters gave some give away gifts and the Medical Loan Closet was given items by Mike Canon and the Russell DeMars family.

An anonymous donation was received for the "special assistance" account.

Monetary donations have been received in memory of Amber Hill from Peggy Beckman and in memory of Pete Gorsich from Arvela.

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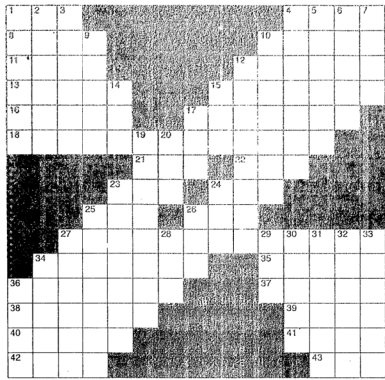
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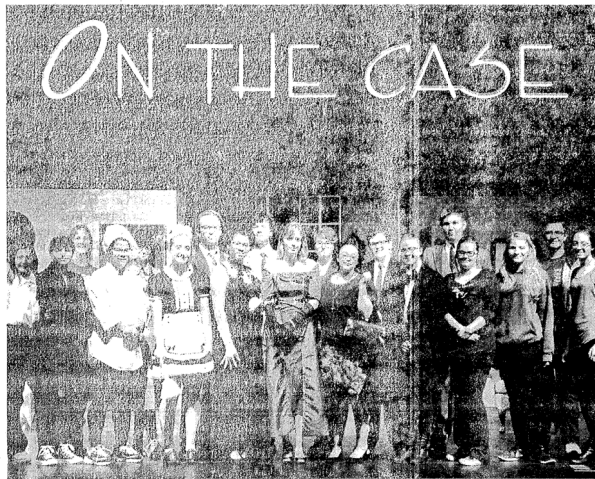
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1. A great lunch
4. German composer
8. Expresses pleasure
10. Unit of energy
11. Genus of baelles
12. Type of respect
13. City in Netherlands
15. Showing lack of skill
16. Irish surname
17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
18. Diversion
21. Journalist Tarbell
22. Wrath
23. Current unit
24. Sixers' Simmons
25. Makes honey
26. Tributary of the Rhine
27. Once home to a notorious wall
34. Gets back
35. She was beheaded in France
36. Cheer
37. Tropical Asian palm
38. Darker
39. Figures
40. Old World treasures frustrating (abbr.)
41. Protects a broken bone
42. Dried-up
43. An enclosure for swine
CLUES DOWN
1. Blab
2. \_\_\_ Bacall, actress
3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
4. The most direct route
5. Affirm to be true or correct
6. Rift
7. Oil company
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10. Large marsh bird
12. Hollywood event
14. Scottish port
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17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
19. More in time
20. Payroll company
23. Pokes holes in
24. A way to steal
25. Blacken with dirt
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A lab tech's tool
28. A place to stay
29. UK school
30. Moroccan
31. Where rockers work
32. Most friendly route
33. In a state of turbulence
34. 'Bridget Jones' actress
36. Hebrew liquid units



The Manistique Drama Club will present 'Clue' Dec. 7 and 8. The performances will be held in the Manistique Middle and High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. both nights. The cast will include, front row from left: Jena Osterhout, Alex Phillips, Nisa Hernandez, Olivia Brazda, Kendra Courmay, Elle Pugh, Jessica Dipazzo, Catherine King, Lilli Evans, Emily King and Maddie Schwartz. Back row: Director Colleen Crimin, Sara Abuturziemah, Joseph VanDyke, Sam MacKinnon, Lila MacKinnon, Ken Hayden, Nolan Cappel, and Tristan Slater. Not pictured are: Duncan MacKinnon, Toby Crimin, Kelsey Cooper, and Emily May.

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state as a whole." Established in 1920, UP Paper has long been an integral part of the regional economy. After being forced to shut down in 2015, it is enjoying slow growth after reopening under new leadership in 2016.

UP Paper manufactures recycled kraft paper sourced from recycled paper products and is one of the larger employers in the county, with an economic impact of about \$30 million annually. UP Paper is currently at full capacity, employing 97 people, but with the award, the mill plans to add four new full-time employees in the next six months and an additional four within the next two years.

UP Paper CEO Lars Dannberg said the company also plans to use the award to improve their process and increase their long-term viability.

"As owners and managers, we are very proud that we have succeeded in revitalizing an older plant that now has hope again," said Dannberg. "Since taking ownership of the plant in 2016, we have been able to position UP Paper as a leading company in a healthy market that is now growing as a result of e-commerce. We feel confident about growing our revenue and reinvesting in the facility to improve our paper quality, attract the highest paying companies and meet a large demand. UP Paper is a small fish in a big pond, and we are grateful for the support of the MEDC in helping bring our goals to fruition."

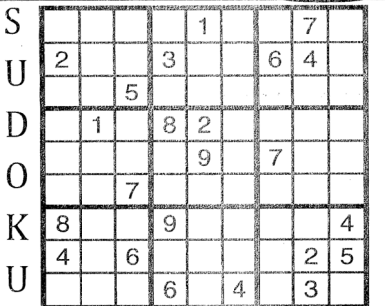
News Brief

Manistique Eagles Club planning 'Tacos for Toys for Tots' December 8

MANISTIQUE - The Manistique Eagles Club is planning to host "Tacos for Toys for Tots" Dec. 8. The event will take place at 6 p.m. at the club, 315-58 located at

104 Walnut St. in Manistique. Attendees may bring a toy worth \$5 or more or a cash donation of \$8 to enjoy the taco/nacho bar, which is all-you-can-eat, while supplies last.

Karaoke with "Tone Deaf" begins at 8 p.m. For more information, contact the Eagles Club at 341-2210. Proceeds benefit the Toys for Tots program.



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Drive in

Drive In" and, during the conversation about the sponsorship, the possibility of Union ownership was discussed. From there, the U.P. Film Union reached a deal with the owner to acquire the property, made possible with the assistance of a loan from mBank.

"We would like to thank Mr. (Kelly) George (mBank president and CEO) and mBank for seeing the benefit of this project and for their continued support throughout the process," said Erickson.

Now, the U.P. Film Union is taking steps to ensure the community movie events continue well into the future. The drive-in will not be operated using the past model for drive in theaters, which the Union felt was unsustainable in today's economy.

Instead, the drive-in will host open, free events. This will include

events such as the "Fright Night" event at Halloween and the automotive-themed Labor Day Weekend event, which also features a "Kiddie Car Show". At one time, the Upper Peninsula was home to nearly a dozen drive in theaters, but their popularity diminished with the arrival of home video systems. Currently, there are fewer than 10 drive in theaters left in Michigan.

The Film Union says it is committed to "keeping this sole survivor of a bygone era of cinema alive for all to enjoy and to help benefit other organizations."

The organization has already begun tackling repairs to the concession building, but additional repairs and updates are needed before next year's season begins.

Additionally, the Film Union will be exploring other uses for

the property when drive in events are not scheduled, such as class reunions or other events compatible with the property.

A "Film Union Film Club" is also being considered. This club would operate much like a book club and include a group of participants who would discuss a film watched by all members at the drive in.

Testing of the club idea is underway and full details will be released

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in early January for those interested in joining.

A "Go Fund Me" page for the Upper Peninsula Film Union has been created to fund the drive in as a permanent fixture in the Upper Peninsula. For more information about the U.P. Film Union, search the organization on Facebook or visit www.upfilmunion.org. The Union is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible.

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For the cats and dogs cared for by the EVA BURRELL ANIMAL SHELTER at PETIQUE 123 S. Cedar Street, Manistique Nov 23rd - Dec 24th Pick a needed item and leave it under the tree. The animals thank you!

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Monday's meeting. "He has also had his hand in every aspect of running schools in a smaller district. He knows Michigan regulations, law and legislators.

Mr. Parmentier knows and supports programs we are implementing," continued Birt. "An example of a program is MIBLISI (Michigan's Behavior and Learning Support Initiative). He is very community-minded

He will come alongside the community, district, staff, parents, and students to keep Manistique Area Schools moving onward and upward."

Birt added that the board is set to vote on Parmentier's contract during the Dec. 10 regular board meeting. That meeting is scheduled to take place in the Manistique Middle and High School community room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Brad Allen LaVigne, Alger Avenue, Manistique, charged with violation of the seatbelt law (11/18). Assessed \$65.

Kris Roy Henry, 57, Blandford Road, Manistique, charged with removing trees from state land (11/18). Assessed \$60.

Brent Daryl Carter, 58, U.S. 2, Gulliver, charged with exceed bait-two gallons (11/18). Assessed \$100.

Karen Marie LaFolle, 60, Riverview Drive, Manistique, charged with loan tag to another (11/18). Assessed \$210.

Mark Frederick Harris, 22, Wisconsin Avenue, Gladstone, charged with unauthorized or improper use of lights (6/18). Assessed \$192.

Matthew Allen Salter, 29, Spielmacher Road, Cooks, pled guilty in 93rd District Court to operate while intoxicated (8/18). Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$440 stat-

ute fine, \$660 statute costs, \$630 probation oversight fees, \$200 other costs, \$2,055 total. Sentenced to serve five days in the Schoolcraft County Jail with credit for five days served. Placed 18 months probation. Optional jail 93 days.

Donald Lee Leonard, 48, N. Second Street, Manistique, pled guilty in 93rd District Court to operate while impaired by liquor (8/18). Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$720 Statute fine, \$1,080 statute costs, \$630 probation oversight fees, \$200 other costs, \$2,755 total. Sentenced to serve five days in the Schoolcraft County Jail with credit for two days served. Placed on 18 months probation. Optional jail 88 days.

April Anne Kachinsky, 28, Lake Street, Manistique, pled guilty in

93rd District Court to failure to stop after collision (10/18). Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$100 statute fine, \$150 statute costs, \$210 probation oversight fee, \$385 total. Placed on six months probation. Optional jail 25 days.

Robert John Kaiser, 61, N. Houghton Avenue, Manistique, pled guilty in 93rd District Court to operating while intoxicated-second offense notice (9/18). Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$720 statute fine, \$1,080 statute costs, \$420 probation oversight fees, \$200 other costs, \$2,545 total. Sentenced to serve five days in the Schoolcraft County Jail with credit for one day served. Placed on 12 months probation. Optional jail 93 days.

District Court

93rd District Court

District Court Jeffrey Michael Link, 60, Ball Street, Grand Marais, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (11/18). Assessed \$115.

Carl Lee Gribbell, 45, Pleasant Avenue, Engadine, charged with cause/allow to be operated overweight (10/18). Assessed \$1,350.

Beacom Enterprises, Rockview Road, Pickford, charged with cause/allow to be operated overweight (11/18). Assessed \$2,595.

Brad Jeffrey Lee, 47, U.S. Highway 2, Gulliver, charged with driving 40 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone (11/18). Assessed \$115.

Trevor Lee Rochefort, 35, Dawson Road, Manistique, charged with blocking a state trail (11/18). Assessed \$175.

MAS News

Maryann Boddy

There are some questions that I get asked on a regular basis, but there is one question that always comes up at this time of year.

That question: "what goes into making the decision for a late start or school cancellation due to winter weather?"

The answer: a lot! The Delta-Schoolcraft ISD superintendent's keep a close watch on the weather all through the school year.

If the National Weather Service posts warnings for severe weather in the area, the superintendents begin communicating and planning.

At all times, weather conditions are monitored to ensure that students can be safely delivered to schools and returned home. Student safety is the ultimate concern for all students at Manistique Area Schools.

During the winter months road conditions are checked beginning around 4:45 a.m.

On days when road conditions may be of concern, school officials are on the road and in contact with surrounding schools, law enforcement, the Schoolcraft County Road Commission and drivers of the more rural bus routes.

By 5:20 am the superintendent will make the decision to close or delay school.

Once the decision is made to delay or close school the media is notified no later than 5:30 a.m. (except in extreme conditions) and parents are informed via the news media, automated messages created through PowerSchool, Facebook and Twitter.

If you are not currently signed up to receive automated messages contact the school office for information on how to sign up for messages.

Parents are encouraged to stay tuned to local media, particularly

in the case of a school delay. On rare occasions a decision may be made to move from a delay status to a closed status.

If school is closed for the day, decisions on after school activities such as athletic activities are considered on an individual basis.

Decisions to close or delay school due to hazardous road conditions are based on the ability to successfully navigate buses both in town and in the county areas.

Weather conditions across the district can vary greatly due to the potential of lake effect snow.

The temperature and wind chill factor, as well as the safety of children who walk to school are also considered.

As a general rule, a wind chill factor of below 30 degrees will be the determining factor as to whether to close or delay school.

Frostbite can occur on exposed skin in a relatively short time for children out in extreme temperatures. Parents are encouraged to ensure that students are appropriately dressed for these conditions while waiting at the bus stop, or walking to and from school.

Decisions to close or delay school will take into consideration the current conditions as well as the duration of the wind chill factor predictions.

If the decision is made that the school will be delayed two hours, the Manistique Middle and High School will start at 10:15 a.m. and Emerald Elementary will start at 10:25 a.m.

Bus will arrive at the designated bus stop two hours later than on a normal school day. There is no school breakfast served on a two-hour delay schedule.

If you have other questions on school delays or cancellations, please call Maryann Boddy at (906) 286-2802.

News Brief

Michigan Business Network will present economic outlook breakfast in Marquette December 7

MARQUETTE - Chris Holman from the Michigan Business Network will present the Michigan Future Business Index. The event will also include a panel of local

professionals who will be discussing what businesses can expect with the legalization of recreational marijuana in Michigan.

The event will take place Dec.

7 from 7:45 a.m.-9:15 a.m., at the Holiday Inn of Marquette. The registration fee is \$15 for LSCP partners and \$20 for non-LSCP partners. A light breakfast will be

provided for attendees. For information about the event, contact Ashley Szczepanski at (906) 226-6591, ext. 106 or ashley@marquette.org.

Editor's Note: The following information is from Manistique Public Safety dispatch logbooks recorded at the time the calls were received.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2018

10:32 a.m., school bus violation, Chippewa Avenue.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

8:12 a.m., odor investigation, Lake Street.

9:47 a.m., 911 hang up, E. Elk Street.

3:50 p.m., assist, Manistique Township.

6:36 p.m., NDOP, Arbutus Avenue.

9:55 p.m., landlord/tenant dispute, Arbutus Avenue.

11:30 p.m., suspicious situation, west municipal lot.

11:55 p.m., landlord/tenant dispute, Arbutus Avenue.

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018

9:31 a.m., harassment, S. Second Street.

11:03 a.m., loose dog, Main Street.

1:52 p.m., possible 3500, Main Street.

1:58 p.m., K-9 assist, Main Street.

2:58 p.m., extra patrol request, Wilson Street.

5:55 p.m., DPW call out, snow covered and slippery roads.

Friday, Nov. 30, 2018

11:30 a.m., destruction of property, S. Cedar Street.

12:45 p.m., harassment, Main Street.

4:50 p.m., citizen assist, within the city.

5:01 p.m., lock out, Cattarugus Avenue.

5:30 p.m., department assist, within the city.

5:55 p.m., civil standby, Main Street.

6:50 p.m., ATM alarm, S. Cedar Street.

7:00 p.m., citizen assist, S. Cedar Street.

9:30 p.m., unwanted subject, Pearl Street.

12:50 a.m., domestic dispute, Deer Street.

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018

11:45 a.m., water leak, Walnut Street.

1:33 p.m., assist, Thompson Township.

3:20 p.m., disorderly person, S. Maple Street.

3:20 p.m., misuse of 911, Walnut Street.

9:25 p.m., suspicious situation, city ski hill.

12:29 a.m., department assist/K-9 track, Thompson Township.

1:35 a.m., DPW call out, snow covered and slippery roads.

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018

Police Log

Manistique Public Safety Department

11:50 a.m., two vehicle PDA, Delta Avenue.

3:10 p.m., found wallet, E. Lakeshore Drive.

4:40 p.m., confused person, Walnut Street.

8:30 p.m., lock out, New Elm Street.

Monday, Dec. 3, 2018

11:15 a.m., scam phone call, within the city.

12:00 p.m., return found property within the city.

3:15 p.m., well being check, Main Street.

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### Coming up in Sports

**MANISTIQUE EMERALDS**  
Boys Varsity Basketball  
Fri., Dec. 7 vs. Gladstone at HOME, 7:30 p.m.  
Girls Varsity Basketball  
Tues., Dec. 11 vs. Engadine at Engadine, 7:30 p.m.  
Varsity Swim  
Tues., Dec. 11 vs. Gladstone/Kingsford at Kingsford, 5 p.m.  
Varsity Wrestling  
Thurs., Dec. 6 vs. Munising/Kingsford Tri at HOME, 6:30 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 8 vs. St. Ignace Invitational at St. Ignace, 10 a.m.  
Varsity Cheerleading  
Sat., Dec. 8 vs. CCCAM meet at Munising, 12 p.m.

**BIG BAY DE NOC BLACK BEARS**  
Boys Varsity Basketball  
Thurs., Dec. 6 vs. Forest Park at HOME, 6 p.m.  
Tues., Dec. 11 vs. North Dickinson at North Dickinson, 6 p.m.  
Girls Varsity Basketball  
Fri., Dec. 7 vs. Norway at HOME, 6 p.m.  
Tues., Dec. 11 vs. Bark River at HOME, 6 p.m.

### NFL standings

**NFL STATS as of 12-4-18**

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

North	W	L	T
1. Pittsburgh Steelers	7	4	1
2. Baltimore Ravens	7	5	0
3. Cincinnati Bengals	5	7	0
4. Cleveland Browns	4	7	1

South	W	L	T
1. Houston Texans	9	3	0
2. Indianapolis Colts	6	6	0
3. Tennessee Titans	6	7	0
4. Jacksonville Jaguars	4	8	0

West	W	L	T
1. K.C. Chiefs	10	2	0
2. L.A. Chargers	9	3	0
3. Denver Broncos	6	6	0
4. Oakland Raiders	2	10	0

**NFC**

East	W	L	T
1. Dallas Cowboys	7	5	0
2. Washington Redskins	6	6	0
3. Philadelphia Eagles	6	6	0
4. N.Y. Giants	4	8	0

North	W	L	T
1. Chicago Bears	8	4	0
2. Minnesota Vikings	6	5	1
3. G.B. Packers	4	7	0
4. Detroit Lions	4	8	0

South	W	L	T
1. New Orleans Saints	10	2	0
2. Carolina Panthers	6	6	0
3. Atlanta Falcons	5	7	0
4. TB Buccaneers	4	8	0

West	W	L	T
1. L.A. Rams	11	1	0
2. Seattle Seahawks	7	5	0
3. Arizona Cardinals	3	9	0
4. San Francisco 49ers	2	10	0

**Coming Up in the NFC North Sunday, Dec. 9**

- Atlanta Falcons at Green Bay Packers 1 PM FOX
- Detroit Lions at Arizona Cardinals 4:25 PM FOX
- Los Angeles Rams at Chicago Bears 8:20 PM NBC
- Monday, Dec. 10
- Minnesota Vikings at Seattle Seahawks 8:15 PM ESPN



Ready to start their 2018-19 season, the Lady Bears roster includes, front row from left: Katelyn DeKeyser, Cassidy Salter, Piper Jones, and Alix Bleau. Back row: Kaitlyn Massengill, Rylie Lawrence, Head Coach Jenna Bradshaw, Meagan Yonker, and Hollie Stapleton.

## Bradshaw ready at Bears' helm

**COOKS** — When the Big Bay de Noc Lady Bears hit the court Friday in Norway, they will be doing so with a young squad and new head coach, Jenna Bradshaw has taken over the task of building a competitive squad with a limited number of players.

"We are very young with three eighth grade and one ninth grade players," Bradshaw said.

While young, Bradshaw will be looking to returning Holly Stapleton, Meagan Yonker, and Rylie Lawrence.

"I like what I see in the leadership from them," commented Bradshaw. "They have really taken the younger players under their wings and passed on a lot of good skills and information to them."

Tipping off against Norway,

Bradshaw will have Stapleton, Kaitlyn Massengill, Cassidy Salter, Yonker, and Lawrence.

For Bradshaw, not only is she a new teacher in the school system, this is her first head coaching opportunity.

## Bears' basketball continued on B4

## IM remains undefeated with win over Manistique

**IRON MOUNTAIN** — Playing four of the first five games on the road is never easy — going up against the likes of Gladstone and Iron Mountain during that stretch makes it even more difficult. This is exactly what Coach Bill Boddy and his Emeralds' varsity basketball team is finding out early in the 2018-19 season.



Kanton Lauzon

Boddy said they are being challenged early in the season and he is looking for continued improvement as the season continues.

A three-point shot by Iron Mountain Marcus Johnson and 10 points by Foster Wonders set the tone early for the Mountaineers, who held a 24-11 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Mark Block scored six and Kanton

Lauzon five of the Emeralds' first quarter points.

Manistique had no answers for Johnson and Wonders, who combined for 21 of Iron Mountain's 24 second quarter points to give the Mountaineers a 48-25 halftime advantage. Wonders led the Mountaineers in scoring with 28 points, Johnson finished with 24 points in the win for Iron Mountain, who improved to 3-0. Johnson surpassed the 1,000-point mark in the contest finishing with 1,006 career points.

Lauzon led the Emeralds with 14 points. Block finished with 10 points, including going four for four from the line in the fourth quarter. Schlyer Anderson and Sammy Warden each contributed nine, Wyatt Gierke had five and Jerry Jack one.

Manistique 11 14 13 10 — 48  
Iron Mountain 24 24 13 16 - 77

Coming off a 71-28 loss to the Braves, Manistique dropped their second contest by the score of 77-48 to Iron Mountain Tuesday night.

"We definitely improved from our first game, whether the score indicates that or not," Boddy said. "Iron Mountain is a really good team and we finally were able to

## Lady Emeralds lose close one on the road against Newberry

**NEWERRY** — The Lady Emeralds' varsity basketball team kicked off the season coming up short in a close contest on the road in Newberry. It was a slow start for both clubs Monday night, with just five points scored in the first quarter — three by the Indians' Adrian Depew and two by the Emeralds' Emilee McDaniel (a junior who is one of just three returning for Manistique).

Newberry took advantage of turnovers by Manistique and sank four of their five free throws on the night to defeat Manistique 25-22.

"I was just waiting for the ball to go through the basket just once to get the monkey off our back," Coach David Winkel said. "Neither team could get the ball to go through the basket for the longest time in the first quarter. We came out and got several good looks at the basket that rattled in and out — shots we would normally make."

The pace picked up in the second period with Manistique jumping out front off a three-point basket and one from the floor by Sydney Peterson, but the Indians' Ambria Ducasay responded with five points late in the period to give Newberry a 12-9 halftime lead.

"I think it was a combination of first game jitters and not being accustomed to the pace of an actual game," Winkel added. "We were just rushing things just enough to

take us a little out of our comfort zone. Luckily our defense was rock solid the entire first half."

Thirteen points were scored by each club in the second half. McDaniel paced Manistique, hitting five of 18 from the floor on the night scoring 10 points.

"They came out in the second half in a 1-3-1 zone, which gave us a little trouble," Winkel said. "However, we hung around and did what we needed to do to give ourselves a chance. I give the girls a lot of credit for scratching and clawing their way to stay in the game even though they were frustrated that our shots weren't falling."

While disappointed in their lack of scoring, Winkel said he was pleased with his defense effort and rebounding. Manistique had three players finish with more than 10 boards. Madi Zellar finished with 13, Kayla Muth 11, and McDaniel 11.

"Our rebounding was phenomenal tonight," Winkel noted. "We hit the glass hard and fought for every rebound."

In addition to McDaniel, Peterson finished with five points, Kayla Muth four, Brooke Richy two, Joslyn Muth one.

Manistique took on Rudyard Wednesday after press time, and will travel to Engadine on Tuesday. Manistique 2, 7, 6, 7 — 22  
Newberry 3, 9, 7, 6 — 25

## Swimmers continue to build strength as season progresses

**MARQUETTE** — In their season opener last week, the Emeralds swim team hosted Marquette. Moving forward in the schedule, the Emeralds were again competing against the dominate Regen. Although the score may not reflect some of their triumphs, the young team was pleased with their successes.

"This meet was a tough meet and most of the team was incredibly nervous," stated Coach Jennifer Niemela. "We were down three of our strongest swimmers at this meet, but our team pulled together amazingly and did a great job."

Darren Hicks did well in the 100 breaststroke, dropping a few seconds for a first place finish of 1:25.11.

"Darren Hicks swam very strong and came home with two first place

finishes in the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke," Niemela commented. "Darren continues working hard on technique and endurance and I'm excited for him as the season continues."

Niemela continued, recapping some of the highlights from the meet, "Abby Burnham once again looked very strong on the board. Guilia Rota dropped her 500 free-style time by roughly 45 seconds and she continues to prove she is a strong swimmer. I predict we will see her times continue to come down throughout the course of the season."

Megan Espinoza, a junior, swam the 100 butterfly for the first time

## Emerald swim continued on B4

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## 'Research forest' still operational inside UP

GLADSTONE — Did you know a small experimental research forest lies within Hiawatha National Forest? Since the 1920s, US Forest Service researchers have been perfecting northern hardwoods management techniques based on experiments conducted within the Dukes Experimental Forest.

"Silviculture is the art and science of controlling the establishment, growth, composition, health, and quality of forests and woodlands to meet the diverse needs and values of landowners and society on a sustainable basis," said Christel Kern, the Dukes forest's lead research forester, who is stationed with the USFS's Northern Research Station in Rhinelander, Wis.

Located in the northwest corner of the Hiawatha near Skandia, Mich., Dukes is managed cooperatively by the Northern Research Station and Hiawatha National Forest. Researchers propose the research actions, and national forest staff assist with data gathering, conduct environmental analysis, and oversee implementation of vegetation treatments (such as brush clearing, culling of certain trees, etc).

In preparation for the next round of research at Dukes, Kern and Hiawatha's acting zone silviculturist, Doug Sippl, must coordinate field data gathering. They enlisted forestry technician Tara Ward, forester Steve Jastrzemski, and other Munising Ranger District staff will "remonument" the research plots in the cutting methods study areas. In the field, Ward and Jastrzemski locate and mark the research plot centers and corners. Then they GPS all the plot points. Finally, they will measure the density of each stand of trees.

Meanwhile, Kern and Sippl are reviewing historical data to summarize the treatment history for each stand. In the next few months, Kern will compile old and new data to devise silvicultural treatment options and identify an optimal research proposal. Those



A forester hammers a stake in ground to mark plot location. Courtesy photo

proposed actions for the next round of management in Dukes — the oldest experimental forest in the USFS's eastern region — will be considered in an upcoming Hiawatha environmental analysis.

Why is this research important?

According to Kern, "I have the fortunate opportunity to study decades of silvicultural research from earlier scientists to evaluate impacts on complex issues such as forest sustainability and ecosystem integrity. These research results will provide information and tools to adapt silvicultural systems to the changing needs of the future."

Research conducted at Dukes allows foresters in the Lake States to sustainably manage northern hardwoods as conditions change over time. The cutting methods study at Dukes Experimental Forest is the longest-running Silviculture study in the world for the northern hardwoods forest type. Hiawatha National Forest staff are proud to play a cutting edge role in the continued advancement of hardwood management techniques.

For more information about the project, contact the Christel Kern (715) 362-1123 or Doug Sippl (906) 387-2512.

## 'Ask the DNR' set to air tonight

MARQUETTE — "Ask the DNR" will air Dec. 6. This month's live broadcast will feature special guest Vicki Pontz, chairperson of

the Michigan Natural Resources Commission.

Pontz and DNR panelists will answer questions from viewers.

The program will be televised live on WNMU-TV13 in Marquette at 8 p.m., Dec. 6. Questions can be called in to the show at (800) 227-9668.

Well, the 2018 firearm deer season is over and one has to admit that all in all it has to go down as a pretty good deer season. Of course, it is always funny when one year one crew will see a lot of deer while another see very few. Then along comes a new deer season and things turn almost 100 percent in the other direction. As the saying goes, this is why it is called hunting because the best plans of men and mice can come up empty if that buck does not walk by while you are out there sitting waiting for him. That is if you are awake when he does make an appearance.

You would have to be a hunter or a fisherman and a true lover of the outdoors and love what the U.P. has to offer us to really enjoy the time spent out in the "wilds" whether you come home with something or not. There is no way you could understand why a person could love sitting out in the cold in the peace and quiet of outdoors watching it snow and feel like there is no place where you would rather spend some time. If you add the fact that I am three-fourths of a century old and can still get out in the woods and move around you have to admit God sure has been good to this old fossil.

Muzzle loading season opens this week and there are a few die hard hunters still out there waiting for a chance on the trophy of a lifetime. I have heard from a number of hunters that their game camera proves that the big one he has been waiting for to walk by is still out there. "Good Luck".

## Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

I have to wonder what is the most work, looking for and trying to locate all your hunting gear before the season starts or trying to figure out why you got all this hunting stuff out in the first place when you never needed two-thirds of it. Now you have to figure out where to place it until next year when it will come time to look for it again. I have come to realize after all these years that a hunter or any outdoors person for that matter, is that his best friend is the person that came up with the idea of a "toe".

Now it is so easy and really gives wife a less stressful life when I can now have some totes where I can mark one for my hunting gear, another for my camping gear, and one for my fishing gear too. It sure makes life a whole lot simpler when all you have to do is locate the appropriate tote for the adventure you are about to undertake.

While sitting in a deer blind for hours there is a whole lot of time to run just too many thoughts through your mind. One sits there thinking if us humans are supposed to be the brightest bulbs on the block, how come if you are a bear you spend three months eating like it is Thanksgiving every day and when the snowy cold weather hits, you find a nice warm blowdown to crawl under curl up in the leaves and sleep and dream until warm

spring weather comes. Just think there is no heavy wet snow to shovel. There are no icy roads you have to try driving on and no walking along on icy sidewalks trying to keep your feet under you so you can keep upright. Maybe I should just invest in a hot water bottle, find a nice warm place to curl up in and tell Wilco to wake me up in the spring. Just some food for thought.

With the crazy weather we have been having it will be a while before there will be any safe ice on the lakes for fishing. But there are still a few die hard fishermen trying their luck in the Manistique River. Needless to say for me it could be just a tad too cold to be standing in a river trying to hook a fish.

As we are heading towards the Christmas season take a minute to look around and see if there is someone in your area that you could do something special for to make them have a terrific holiday time too. I will say I have learned from all the years I have been around that sometimes we can see things that are far off and never really notice something that is right in front of us. So look around and see if there is someone you can take some cookies too or if you can even invite over for a meal. Make this a special time for them and share all you have been blessed with.

## Outdoors Brief

### DNR reaches minimum testing goals within UP CWD surveillance areas

MARQUETTE — With the valuable assistance of hunters, a minimum goal set for chronic wasting disease deer head testing has been surpassed in two surveillance areas set up in the central Upper Peninsula.

The testing will aid the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in determining the extent of this deadly deer disease in the region.

The DNR will continue to test at no charge any deer head hunters submit for CWD testing. Results are typically available within 14 days.

"Assistance from hunters has been outstanding in helping us reach these goals," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason. "With their actions to submit deer heads for disease testing, we have reached these important minimum surveillance goals."

A minimum goal of 600

deer heads was set for a core surveillance area laid out around Waucedah Township in Dickinson County, where a 4-year-old doe tested positive for CWD Oct. 18.

As of Saturday, a total of 711 deer heads have been submitted and tested from the core area with no additional CWD-positive deer detected. Deer tested include road-killed animals and deer taken under deer damage shooting permits.

Within a wider CWD expanded surveillance area, extending north into Marquette County, a minimum goal of 300 deer heads had been set. As of Dec. 1, 565 deer heads from that area have been submitted and tested with no deer testing positive for the disease.

"In addition to the tremendous support of hunters, the work of personnel at the DNR Wildlife Disease Laboratory to test thousands of deer heads from across the state has been

phenomenal," said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer. "There have been nearly 22,000 deer tested for CWD in Michigan so far this year. In that past week, submissions to the lab have slowed to about 1,000 per day.

Despite the detection of 18 new suspected CWD-positive deer found by the state's disease laboratory at Michigan State University this month, none of those infected deer have come from the U.P.

The infected doe in Dickinson County was shot on a deer damage shooting permit at an agricultural farm in Waucedah Township in September. The test that discovered the infected deer was part of the DNR's CWD surveillance efforts over the past three years to test deer from Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson and Menominee counties, which form the border with Wisconsin.

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### Schoolcraft County Road Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed Seasonal County Road System to be implemented in Schoolcraft County. Roads on the "seasonal road system" will not be plowed from December 1 to May 1 of every winter season. The public hearing will be held on **January 9, 2019 at 7:00 am** at the Schoolcraft County Road Commission, commissioners meeting in the Boardroom located at 332N East Road, Manistique, MI 49854. Schoolcraft County Road Commission will provide auxiliary aids and services under the ADA for disabled persons who wish to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special services should call **Jean Frankovich, Manager at 906-341-5624** as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

- The roads included in the Seasonal County Road System are:
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  2. Highwayways Road, Hiawatha and Manistique Township, 9.66 miles of total road.
  3. Wolf Lake Road, Hiawatha Township, 3.39 miles of total road.
  4. County Road 454, Hiawatha Township, segment 1 15.55 miles of total road and segment 2 2.22 miles of total road.
  5. Clear Lake Road, Hiawatha Township, 4.85 miles of total road.
  6. County Road 445/Kentucky Trail, Hiawatha and Inwood Township, 7.44 miles of total road.
  7. Bass Lake Road, Inwood Township, 4.23 miles of total road.
  8. Little Indian Road, Inwood Township, 4.95 miles of total road.
  9. Wolf Road, Inwood Township, 1.0 miles of total road.

- Seasonal roads or a portion of a seasonal road will be plowed:
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  2. To accommodate an emergency response involving a potential life-threatening situation.
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  4. If requested by a law enforcement agency.
  5. If requested in writing by a commercial or industrial entity to accommodate their periodic operations, providing that such road is capable of being plowed without causing damage to winter maintenance equipment. Such plowing shall continue only for the duration of the activity represented in the written request and will be done on a low priority basis.
- Map segments may be viewed at the Schoolcraft County Road Commission located at 332N East Road, Manistique, MI 49854 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Written comments should be directed to Jean Frankovich, Manager at 332N East Road, Manistique, MI 49854, before Friday, January 4, 2019.



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#### HOROSCOPES

**Dec. 9 Dec. 15**

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries - Identify your investments if you are trying to boost your bottom line. As the saying goes, "don't put all of your eggs in one basket." Boost your odds.  
**Taurus - Apr 21/May 21**  
You need to take a day or two for yourself. It seems like you have been doing much for others but little energy is devoted to your needs and desires. You've earned a break.  
**Gemini - May 22/June 21**  
Think about how to break a problem from a new angle. Gemini, only then can you get a real grasp for the situation and start to tackle it. The answer may be right there.  
**Cancer - June 22/July 22**  
Cancer, get together with a spouse or partner and work through a running list of what you'd like to do together. It is important to spend quality moments with one another.  
**Leo - July 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, even though you may be tempted to draw attention your way, you may be better served by letting others give the spotlight this week. Compensate for another's recognition.  
**Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Fitness becomes a priority for you in the weeks ahead, Virgo. Focus your efforts toward your fitness goals and lean on others, if you're tempted to let them go.  
**Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, you like to play sugar sweet and get to the bottom of why also. Make sure that the information is accurate, and be careful what you share.  
**Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
You have a strong desire to make some major changes, Scorpio. Think about an extensive vacation, a potential relocation or a large home renovation.  
**Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
You may have gotten in over your head with a certain home project. Sagittarius, just doesn't seem to be moving along as anticipated. Call in some professional consultants.  
**Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, sometimes staying silent is the best way to get notice. Others may appreciate that you take the time to think over an issue before discussing it, and that bodes well for your future.  
**Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Even though you may want to fast the "old" way, questions sometimes you face to accept what you cannot change. Aquarius, focus your attention on something new.  
**Pisces - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
It won't take many more days until your goals have been reached, Pisces. DEC. 13, Taylor Swift, Singer (29); DEC. 14, Vanessa Hudgens, Actress (30); DEC. 15, Ronnie Parker, Singer (35)

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(39); DEC. 12, Mayer Beale, Actress (43);  
DEC. 13, Taylor Swift, Singer (29); DEC.  
14, Vanessa Hudgens, Actress (30); DEC.  
15, Ronnie Parker, Singer (35)

## Midgets take four at home

**Courtesy photo**  
The State Savings Bank's midget hockey team found the middle of the pipes at Little Bear West Area over the weekend. On Saturday, the squad took two from Marquette with scores of 10-2 and 9-1. They followed up those wins with an additional two Sunday against Negaunee. They took game one with a score of 5-2 and came back even stronger in the second with a score of 11-2. This year's roster consists of, from front row left, Josh Magnusson, Cole Crowe, Morgan Miller, Mason Miller. Back row, Owen Klarich, Hunter Miller, Christian Malloy, Lucas Gould, Alex Goudreau, Logan Savage, Alex Oas, and Connor Noble. Not pictured is DJ Bowers. The coaching staff consists of Don Bowers, JR Miller, and Craig Savage. State Savings will host St. Ignace at Little Bear West Dec. 9 at 10:30 and 1:30.



## Emerald swim

ever in her swimming career. Butterfly is not typically her strong stroke, but it was incredible to see her out of her comfort zone and trying something new. As a coach, I enjoy when the athletes are interested in trying something new and will do whatever I can to help them get there," Niemela continued. "Freshman Karah Renk really showed what being a teammate was all about when, at last minute, we needed to make a change in the final relay, the 400 free relay and stepped up to take another swimmers place despite her own exhaustion and nerves."

One aspect that Niemela is impressed with is how the team has been complimented at both of their meets so far this year.

"I was very pleased with the team's performance both in and out of the pool," commented Niemela. "Once again we were complimented on how strong our team looks and how united we come together as a team. An official even commented on how strong our starts were using starting blocks, considering the fact that Manistique does not have them for meets. The official also complimented the team on their relay starts and how surprised he was to see us strong and fast in that area. The athletes have been working very hard in these areas and I was happy that their hard work has shown. Our numbers remain small, but our hearts are in the sport and it shows."

Marquette took the meet for the girls with a score of 149. Manis-



Joe LeBlanc photo  
Darren Hicks is pictured in last week's home meet against Marquette swimming his leg of the 200 medley relay. Hicks took a first Tuesday in Marquette in the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke.

tique accumulated 33.

The Redmen also took the boys' meet with a score of 136 to the Emeralds 25.

**Boys results:**  
First place : Darren Hicks, 200 IM, 2:54.03; Hicks, 100 breaststroke, 1:25.11

Second place: 200 freestyle, Jude Way, 3:01.18  
Third place: 100 freestyle, Logan Hagenson, 1:21.76; 200 freestyle relay, Hagenson, Darren McCaffrey, Way, Hicks, 2:19.57; 400 freestyle relay, Hagenson, McCaffrey, Way, Hicks, 5:26.25

Fourth place: 50 freestyle, Hagenson, 34.65; 500 freestyle, Way, 9:09.93

### Girls results:

Second place: Abby Burnham, diving, 159.45  
Third place: 200 medley relay, Katelyn Arnold, MacKenna Ozanich, Abby Burnham, Megan Espinoza, 2:55.90; 100 butterfly, Abby Burnham, 1:35.58; 100 backstroke, Jones, 1:28.00

Fourth place: 200 medley relay, Karah Renk, Jenna Jack, Melanie Jones, Guilia Rota, 3:04.82; 200 freestyle, Espinoza, 3:01.37; 200 IM, Jones, 3:34.94; 50 freestyle, Arnold, 38:36; 100 freestyle, Renk, 1:27.62; 500 freestyle, Rota, 9:36.86; 200 freestyle relay, Jenarac Paivarinta, Arnold, Espinoza, Burnham, 2:26.31; 400 freestyle relay, Renk, Rota, Paivarinta, Jones, 6:17.09

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## Sports Brief

### Emerald wrestling set to host tri meet tonight

MANISTIQUE – The Manistique Emerald wrestling program will host Munising and Kingsford in a tri-meet tonight. Events will get underway at 6:30 p.m. in the Richard Bonifas gymnasium.

### Bears' basketball

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"It's been a learning experience for all of us with me being a new teacher at the school," said Bradshaw. "Although I did graduate from Big Bay so it makes it a little more of a homey feeling."

Due to the numbers, Bradshaw said they are going to need to be a little creative this season having eighth graders on the team who can only play nine games this year, due to them already playing in the middle school program where the team went undefeated.

Bradshaw added, "We are young, but they are really showing a lot of maturity which is great, but this is going to be a trying season just because of our numbers and our age."

Bradshaw also added regardless of their age Bradshaw is looking to the leadership of Stapleton, Yonker and Lawrence to help in the transition.

"Holly, Magan and Riley are really showing good leadership and helping out our eighth graders fold into the team," said Bradshaw. "There is a lot of information thrown at them. I am really excited for the season."

## 2018-19 Emerald Varsity Cheerleading

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat	Dec 8	CCCAM Invite	Munising	12 pm
Sat	Jan 19	Escanaba Invite	Escanaba	12 pm
Thurs	Jan 24	Norway Invite	Norway	5:30 pm
Sat	Jan 26	Munising Invite	Munising	12 pm
Mon	Jan 28	Gladstone Invite	Gladstone	5:30 pm
Sat	Feb 2	Marquette Invite	Marquette	9 am
Sat	Feb 9	Manistique Invite	HOME	12 pm
Sat	Feb 16	MHSAA Districts	Brethren	5 pm
Sat	Feb 23	MHSAA Regionals	TBA	TBA

## 2018-19 Emerald Wrestling

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Thurs	Dec 6	Munising/Kingsford TRI	HOME	6:30 pm
Sat	Dec 8	St. Ignace Invitational	St. Ignace	10 am
Fri	Dec 14	Rudyard Bride Brawl	Rudyard	2:30 pm
Thurs	Dec 20	Bark River TRI	Bark River	TBA
Fri	Dec 28	Munising Holiday Invitational	Munising	11 am
Wed	Jan 2	Gwin-Mun-Mstq	Gwin	8:30 pm
Sat	Jan 5	Kalkaska Invitational	Kakaska	9 am
Wed	Jan 9	Munising & BR-H	Munising	6 pm
Sat	Jan 12	Gladwin Invitational	Gladwin	8:15 pm
Sat	Jan 19	U.P. Invitational	Marquette	10 am
Wed	Jan 23	Rudyard & Roger City TRI	Rudyard	6 pm
Sat	Jan 26	Manistique Super Duals	HOME	10 am
Sat	Feb 2	MPC Tournament	Westwood	10 am
Wed	Feb 06	MHSAA Team Districts	Iron Mountain	TBA
Sat	Feb 9	MHSAA Individual Dist.	Munising	TBA
Wed	Feb 13	MHSAA Team Regionals	TBA	TBA
Sat	Feb 16	MHSAA Individual Regionals	TBA	TBA
Fri	Mar 1	MHSAA Individual State	TBA	TBA

## 2018-19 Emerald Boys Varsity Basketball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	VARSITY
Friday	Dec. 7	Gladstone	Home	7:30 pm
Friday	Dec. 14	Gwin	Away	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Dec. 18	Engadine	Away	7:30 pm
Friday	Dec. 28	Negaunee	Home	6:00 pm
Friday	Jan. 4	Ishpeming	Home	7:30 pm
Saturday	Jan. 5	Big Bay de Noc	Away	6:00 pm
Monday	Jan. 7	Munising	Away	7:30 pm
Thursday	Jan. 10	Escanaba	HOME	7:30 pm
Thursday	Jan. 17	Iron Mountain	HOME	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Jan. 22	Newberry	HOME	7:30 pm
Friday	Jan. 25	Negaunee	Away	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Jan. 29	Gwin	HOME	7:30 pm
Friday	Feb. 1	Westwood	HOME	7:30 pm
Friday	Feb. 8	Westwood	Away	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Feb. 12	Engadine	HOME	7:30 pm
Friday	Feb. 15	Ishpeming	Away	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Feb. 19	Bark River	Away	7:30 pm
Friday	Feb. 22	Munising	HOME	6:00 pm

## Schedule switch, rules changes notable as 2018-19 winter seasons begins

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** – A switch in the start of boys and girls basketball and a number of rules changes in various sports are notable as 2018-19 competition begins in 12 winter sports for which the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors postseason tournaments.

Beginning with ice hockey's first games on Nov. 12, five sports have started play during these last two weeks, while wrestling on Dec. 5 and skiing on Dec. 8 will be the final winter sports to begin competition. This season's first boys basketball games are scheduled to begin Nov. 26 as the boys season begins, and ends, one week before the girls basketball season this winter in a switch from years past. The change was made for this winter to accommodate availability of Michigan State University's Breslin Student Events Center, which will host the Boys Basketball Finals. The first girls basketball games will be played Dec. 3, and the Girls Basketball Finals on March 16 at Calvin College's Van Noord Arena will close the winter season.

The further re-definition of the competition area to reward offensive wrestling is among the most significant rules changes taking effect this winter. Following a similar rule change a year ago to create a larger scoring area coming out of the down position, wrestlers will continue to compete as long as two supporting

point(s) – be it two for one wrestler or one for each – remain inbounds. This change will provide a larger scoring area for takedowns, escapes and reversals. Supporting points include the parts of the body touching, or within, the wrestling area that bear the wrestler's weight, other than those parts with which the wrestler is holding the opponent.

Other rules changes that will be most apparent this winter include:

- In basketball, a rule change allows any player located in the backcourt, for either team, to recover a ball deflected from the frontcourt by the defense. This exception to the backcourt violation ensures neither team is unfairly disadvantaged on a deflected pass. A player located in the frontcourt still may not be the first to touch the ball if his or her team loses control and the ball goes into the backcourt.

- Also in basketball, the previous 14-foot coach's box in front of a team's bench has been extended to 28 feet.

- As with Lower Peninsula girls swimming and diving season in the fall, a pair of changes for boys and Upper Peninsula girls will provide more opportunities for divers. The diving event in dual, double-dual or other multi-team non-championship competition has been limited to six dives, but now may be expanded to an 11-dive competition – giving divers another opportunity to prepare for the

11-dive competitions at the MHSAA qualification meets and Finals levels. Also, while diving traditionally has been placed in the middle of the event order of a dual or other regular-season meet, it may now be conducted first, last or simultaneously with the swimming events. (Both require prior mutual consent by competing teams and officials.)

- In boys ice hockey, a penalty shot will be awarded when a goal cage is displaced on a breakaway or during the last two minutes of regulation. This is meant to deter players and goalies from attempting to displace the net during a breakaway situation.

The 2018-19 Winter campaign culminates with postseason tournaments beginning with the Upper Peninsula Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving Finals on Feb. 16, and wraps up with the Girls Basketball Finals on March 23. A reminder: The MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals at Ford Field again will be a two-day event this winter as opposed to a three-day event as in past seasons.

Here is a complete list of winter tournament dates:

- Boys Basketball: Districts – Feb. 25, 27 and March 1; Regionals – March 5 and 7; Quarterfinals – March 12; Semifinals – March 14-15; Finals – March 16

- Girls Basketball: Districts – March 4, 6 and 8; Regionals – March 11 and 13; Quarterfinals – March 19; Semifinals – March 21-22; Finals – March 23

- Girls Competitive Cheer: Districts – Feb. 15-16; Regionals – Feb. 23; Finals: March 1-2

- Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving: U.P. Girls and Boys Finals – Feb. 16

- Wrestling: Team Districts – Feb. 6-7; Individual Districts – Feb. 9;

- Team Regionals – Feb. 12; Individual Regionals – Feb. 16; Team Quarterfinals – Feb. 22; Team Semifinals & Finals – Feb. 23; Individual Finals – March 1-2

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