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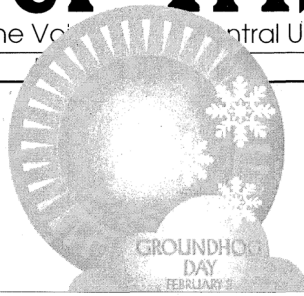
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MAS wrestlers
complete



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Mother-Son
Dance set
for Saturday

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Ready to give

CBC Fund Drive underway, chairs for 2019 campaign announced

MANISTIQUE – Now in its 52nd year, the annual CBC Fund Drive is currently underway. The fundraiser culminates each year on Palm Sunday with a CBC Radiothon – this year on April 14.

The CBC Radiothon, which is also livestreamed, takes place at the Manistique High School and includes games, community booths, food vendors, a live auction, the CBC Volleyball Tournament, and more. Heading up the CBC Fund Drive for 2019 are Bob Crumb, first chairperson; Lisa Braun, second chairperson; and PJ Stoll, third chairperson.

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

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

“CBC 52 should be the best ever,” Crumb said. “We are hoping to raise \$55,000 this year – what a blessing for this community.”

Braun grew up in Manistique and graduated from Manistique High School. After high school, she attended Northern Michigan University and earned a Bachelor of Science in business/accounting and earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan in 2004.

Braun began working at Port Inland Quarry in 1996, and, after holding various accounting roles for the Great Lakes Operations, in 2010 she transitioned into the logistics manager position for Carmeuse Great Lakes Quarries. Her team is responsible for shipping approximately 18 million tons of limestone, via lake freighters, across the Great Lakes.

Braun has three children – Olivia is a senior at the University of Michigan, studying nursing. Taylor is a sophomore at Northern Michigan University, studying business;



Courtesy photo
From left to right: Bob Crumb, CBC first chairperson; PJ Stoll, CBC third chairperson; and Lisa Braun, CBC second chairperson.

and Tenner lives and works in Manistique.

“This is my second year serving on the board for CBC,” said Braun. “As far back as I can remember, I have either attended or watched CBC. When we were kids, we loved to listen for our name called when our donation was read,

but bidding on the auction items is still one of my favorite parts.”

CBC chairs

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News Briefs

Manistique man headed to higher court for 9 felonies

MANISTIQUE – A Gulliver man is headed to a higher court and facing nine felonies, following an incident Nov. 22.

Johnny Lee Tucker, 25, of 2852W U.S. Highway 2, was bound over to 11th Judicial Court Jan. 23 after his preliminary examination was held in 93rd District Court. He faces: one count of malicious destruction of property – property of police, a felony; one count of operating while intoxicated, a misdemeanor; one count of disorderly person, a misdemeanor; and eight counts of assaulting, battering, resisting, obstructing, opposing person performing duty, felonies each punishable by imprisonment up to two years and/or a fine of up to \$2,000.

Tucker’s bond is set at \$500,000 cash/surety.

Annual Mother-Son Dance schedule for this weekend

MANISTIQUE – The second annual Mother and Son Dance takes place Saturday. The dance, hosted by the Manistique High School Careers in Education class, takes place at the Elks Lodge No. 632 in Manistique.

The event is part of a series of community service projects taken on by the class. Tickets for the dance are \$25 for one mother and son and \$5 for each additional son and are available at the Flower Cottage and Emerald Elementary Library.

The event will be held from 6-9 p.m. and include dinner, games, prizes, treats, and more.

The theme will be the 1950- 1960s. Attendees may dress to the theme.

Each guest who brings a new, unwrapped stuffed animal will be entered to win a door prize.

A professional photographer will be available to take photos for an additional fee.

The majority of the proceeds going toward two pairs of virtual reality glasses for Schoolcraft Memorial

Hospital. Virtual reality glasses help both young and old patients who suffer high anxiety, otherwise known as “white coat syndrome”. During medical visits the glasses can divert the patient’s focus from what’s going on around them.

Members of the community interested in making a monetary donation or donating a new stuffed animal may do so by mailing: MHS Careers in Education C/O Christi Ryan, 628 Oak St., Manistique, MI 49854.

Events

Feb. 1,2,3 – Open skate, Little Bear West Arena, Friday and Saturday 6-9 p.m., Sunday 5-8 p.m.

Feb. 2,6 – Open swim, Manistique Middle and High School pool, 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 2 – Second annual Mother-Son Dance, Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632, 6-9 p.m.

Feb. 2 – Valentine’s Day Fundraiser Dinner, Cooks Congregational Church, 3-7 p.m.

Feb. 9 – Father Daughter Dance, First Baptist Church, 5-8:30 p.m.

Feb. 23 – SnoFest/Little Jiggers, Manistique Central Park

County again fails to appoint SMH nominee

Dissenting voters stay silent during meeting

MANISTIQUE – For the second time in a month, the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners has failed to approve a recommended appointment to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. Also for the second time, commissioners casting votes against the appointment failed to engage in discussion or issue comments about the appointment during the open meeting.

The appointment issue first came to light during the Dec. 27, 2018 commissioner meeting. During that meeting, the appointments of Donald Bedwell and James Blanchard to the SMH Board of Trustees were unanimously approved. However, the appointment of Russell Poole proved more complicated.

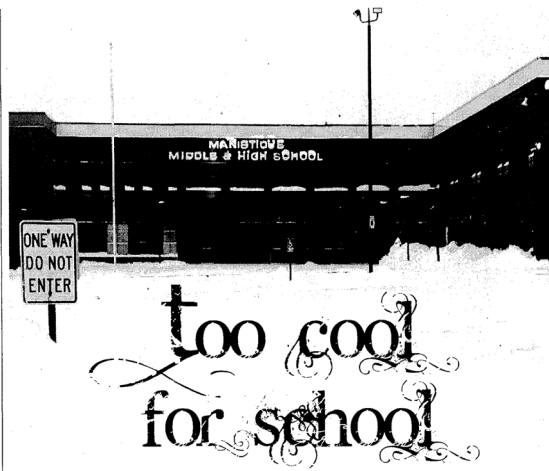
Then-commissioners Chris

Rantanen and Larry Mersnick voted in favor of Poole’s appointment, citing his credentials. Those credentials, according to Poole’s resume submitted to both the SMH Board of Trustees and county commissioners, include: a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Michigan; a Juris Doctorate from Michigan State University; a Master of Laws in Taxation from Boston University; completion of the general management program at Harvard Business School; and various high-level positions in both Texas and Massachusetts.

Despite Poole’s resume, as well as vetting and recommendation by the SMH board, commissioners Craig Reiter and Allan Ott voted against his appointment. The two “yes” and two “no” votes led to the failure of the motion to appoint

Appointment

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Pioneer Tribune photo
The parking lot of Manistique Middle and High School sat empty Wednesday morning as a blast of cold Arctic air hit the area Tuesday night, forcing a two-day closure of area schools, as well as the closure of many businesses. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a State of Emergency for Michigan, which faced wind chills of up to -40. Manistique Mayor Mike Peniloux also issued a State of Emergency for Manistique, leading to the closure of Manistique City Hall Wednesday. The Schoolcraft County Courthouse was also closed Wednesday. According to the National Weather Service in Marquette, bitterly cold arctic air and severe winter weather conditions will begin easing by this afternoon (Thursday). Temperatures are expected to rise by the weekend, with a probable high of 28 degrees Saturday and 35 degrees Sunday.

3-Day Forecast

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
13/6	28/23	35/32

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
We need a graduated income tax. There are many projects which would benefit our state if only we could afford them: avoiding crises like the one in Flint, fixing roads and bridges, helping to preserve the Great Lakes. One of the most important is education.

A recent study found that no state "has squeezed school spending more in recent decades than Michigan". The study attributed that squeeze to tax cuts, and noted "a corresponding drop in student achievement". "No other state is close to a decline of this magnitude" (TC Record-Eagle, Jan. 24, 2019).

According to Bridge Magazine (Jan. 23, 2019), during the last quarter century "Michigan ranks dead last in the nation in school funding growth." From 2003-15, "Michigan also ranked 50th in growth in school performance."

Article IX, Section 7 of the Michigan Constitution reads: "No income tax graduated as to rate or base shall be imposed by the state or any of its subdivisions." Thus Michigan is required to charge only flat taxes - where one who makes \$25 million pays the same percentage as one who makes \$25 thousand.

Some might think a graduated income tax unfair, but it is quite fair when you consider that any higher percentage paid applies not to one's total income but only to income that falls into higher taxable increments. In other words, everybody pays the same percentage on their first \$25,000 of income, their second \$25,000, and so forth.

Who would begrudge so small a payment for so large a payoff?

**Barbara Abbott
Lake Leelanau, Mich.**

Dear Editor,

Hello energy warriors! I wanted to update you on what's going on with our fight for lower electric rates with UPPCO.

Recently, Citizens Against Rate Excess attorney John Liskey has filed a case in court to shed some light on UPPCO's backroom deal with Enbridge to refund the energy surcharge collected between 2010-12. Following the conclusion of appellate proceedings, Enbridge withdrew its complaint against UPPCO, thus shielding the details from public view.

CARE and I believe the details are important and that the ratepayers deserve a refund of the surcharges that we paid as well. UPPCO is fighting this. Mr. Liskey filed a motion recently to make public the details so we can attempt to get our fair share. We are waiting for the decision by the court.

You have probably noticed your UPPCO bill is noticeably lower this year. A big "thank you" to all warriors that took the time to contact the MPSC last year. We will need your help soon again.

UPPCO is starting their controversial smart meter installations as we speak. UPPCO states anyone can opt out and keep your analog meter. What they haven't publicly announced is their plan to charge \$12/month for ratepayers that opt out. My position is no to surcharges.

They are also going to put the cost of smart meters on the backs of ratepayers, amortized over many years. I believe it is tactic for the small amount charged every month to go unnoticed. This is wrong. We will fight it.

Lastly, I have been trying to help fix Germfask's streetlight dilemma

where we can only afford half the streetlights we have to be operational. The unintended consequence was our township liability insurance then was increased, negating any savings.

The good news is UPPCO negotiated with me to expedite installation of new bulbs and as an act of good faith has already installed the new LED bulbs to cut our costs by approximately 40 percent. I now am negotiating to get the 20 lights that were removed replaced before someone is injured. A big "thank you" to UPPCO.

I have new, exciting news. Dr. Joshua Pearce, Michigan Tech professor for materials science and engineering as well as electrical and computer engineering, has dedicated a class this semester to construct a feasibility study and plan to replace municipal streetlights with LED/solar units, especially useful when we start the grant process to replace streetlights.

I am trying to get the replacement of off grid, solar and LED streetlights 100 percent funded by grants and donations with zero cost to Germfask ratepayers. CARE and our friends at GlidePath in Chicago have stepped up the plate with sizable donations to help fund the MTU project.

Lastly, UPPCO has submitted another rate increase request. The MPSC arguments phase begins Feb. 22. For the first time ever, Attorney General Dana Nessel has decided to get involved. This is great news for us Yoopers.

Again, thank you warriors, we will need to mobilize soon again, stay tuned.

**Gary Talarico
Germfask**

Flashback



You've got a friend in me

Pioneer Tribune Archive photo. From the Jan. 30, 1969 edition, the call him "Daredevil", and this squirrel has gotten so used to handouts from Mrs. Bolva Faulkner and others on Manistique Avenue that he will run up to your leg and perch on your shoulder to bed. Here, he's demonstrating with neighbor Kathy Hood.

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune

50 years ago

January 30, 1969

"The best skiing in years" is the report from the Thunder Bowl Ski Area this week. Both tows at the area are operating weekends, reports Tommy Thompson of the ski club. Refreshments are regularly available at the chalet shelter. The ski area is open both Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. It is located on County Road 437 north of Thunder Lake, between Federal Forest Highway 13 and M-94.

To the Editor: This letter is to all the concerned people who witnessed the plight of the doe in Lake Michigan last week. Put your mind at ease. She was rescued by five courageous men with ladders, snowshoes, plywood, ropes and determination. The large doe was first sighted by Bert Barr at 11 a.m., floundering in the lake near Rogers Park. The Department of Conservation was notified, but help was not forthcoming. After watching her progress at intervals during the day and early evening, Mr. Barr and four friends, concerned for her life, went to her rescue. With ladders extended out on the floating chunks of ice and ropes in hand, Fred Reid and Gerry

Dewey lassoed her. After much effort she was pulled onto the frozen shore by Sherman Dewey and Dick Hughson. Her limbs were paralyzed from the icy water and she was unable to stand. She shivered uncontrollably from exposure and fright. Her body temperature seemed to be as cold as the temperature outdoors for no vapor came from her nostrils. They bound her legs and slid her on plywood to the highway and into a station wagon. She was brought to a heated garage where she was untied. After about an hour she was able to walk and had stopped shivering. She seemed to sense that she was in no danger, and even let the men pet her. She walked to the stove and lay down beside it, enjoying the strange warmth. By five the next morning she seemed to be in excellent condition. Still at ease with the men she sat from the cedar coughs they brought her. At dawn's light she left the garage and was last seen tramping through the field and into the woods. Hopefully she will survive this unusual winter. Surely her chances are much better today than they were if she had been left in the lake. Mrs. Richard Hughson

35 years ago

February 2, 1984

The flu was the most common communicable disease in Schoolcraft County during 1983, according to a report from the Eastern U.P. Associated Health Departments this week. There were 185 cases of influenza like disease reported in the county during the year. For the entire eastern U.P. the total was 3,407, while the statewide total was 258,992. Strep throat and chicken pox were the next most common, the report said. It listed 56 strep throat cases in the county, with 213 in the eastern U.P. and 52 cases of chicken pox, with 366 in the eastern U.P. Physicians and others in the eastern U.P. report certain communicable diseases each week to the health department, and the summary is compiled from those reports.

With the campaign just getting underway, more than \$1,500 has been received for the Manistique Area Schools Scholarship Foundation. The foundation was established recently by the board of education in response to requests from citizens interested in education.

The goal is to establish an account of not less than \$10,000 the first year, and then award scholarships from the interest earned. Contributions have been received from the Roland Hoholik family, from Richard and Barbara Bonifas in memory of Dr. James Fyvie, from O.E. and Donna B. Powers, Myrtle Schnurer memorial Leanne Trebilcock of the Manistique Pioneer Tribune, Earl and Katherine LeBlanc, forestry technician on the Manistique Ranger District of the Hiawatha National Forest has been recognized as the 1983 Regional Host Award winner from among Forest Service employees in 11 states of Region 9. The award, which is presented annually for exceptional service and quality involvement with the public, was announced earlier this month by Hiawatha Forest Supervisor Roy E. Droegge. LeBlanc, who has been with the Manistique District since August, 1977, has been involved in recreation and timber programs of the forest and, in the course of her work has extensive contact with forest users.

20 years ago

February 4, 1999

A dead moose was recovered earlier this month by local Michigan Department of Natural Resources officers. The moose was found by a coyote trapper Jan. 11 near Southside Road, about four miles north of M-94. DNR officers said the animal was a calf born in June of 1998. The moose weighed about 250 pounds. A preliminary examination by DNR Biologist Terry Minzey found no evidence of foul play. DNR officials believe the animal died of natural causes and that its body had been at the location where it was found for several weeks.

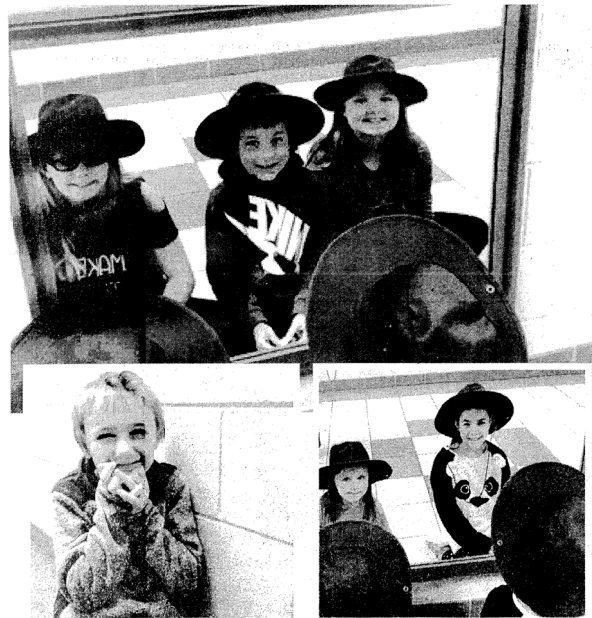
David Maxwell, Realtor Associate with Grover's State Wide Real Estate, Inc. received the "Top Sales" award of 1998 from office owner/Broker Marvin Grover. Mr. Maxwell was honored at a luncheon recently held at the Harb Inn. Jeff Zellner, also a Realtor Associate at Grover's State Wide, received an award for number two in sales. Both will be in the running again this year for the number one sales position in the state, competing with salespersons from over 34 associated State Wide Real Estate offices through out Michigan. Winners will be announced in May at the annual State Wide Banquet to be held in Traverse City.

10 years ago

February 5, 2009

No one was injured but a landmark business was destroyed by an early morning fire last weekend. The Thompson Outpost general store and gas station located at the intersection of US-2 and Little Harbor Road, burned to the ground on Saturday, Jan. 31. According to Michigan State Police troopers from the Manistique Post, the fire was called in around 4 a.m. by a passerby on the highway. The building was declared a total loss. A State Police fire marshal investigation was unable to determine the cause of the blaze, due to the extent of the damage.

Manistique senior Josh Mickelson is set to join an exclusive club. The four-year starter is just 23 points short of reaching the milestone 1,000-point mark for his high school basketball career. Mickelson will have a chance to hit the mark at home when the Emeralds host the Westwood Patriots Friday night. Just five Emerald players have reached 1,000 points in their prep careers. Carls sits on top of the list with 1,495. Dave Anchor holds the second place with 1,373, followed by Bill Pietulka with 1,195. John Pietulka with 1,104 and Don St. John Jr. with 1,050.



keep on exploring

Emerald Elementary Exceptional Explorers for the week of Jan. 21 were, at top, from left to right: Leah Nord, fourth grade; Ryan Lotz, third grade; and Ally Petrelus, fifth grade. Above right: Lily Siddall, kindergarten; and Macie Marcella, second grade. Above left: Dallas Fagan, first grade.

News Briefs

Monthly State Employees Retirees Association meeting set for Feb. 4

MANISTIQUE - The U.P. Chapter 16 of the State Employees Retirees Association will hold

its monthly meeting Feb. 4. The meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room of the

state office building in Escanaba. All members and their guests may attend.

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Book smart



Courtesy photos
Members of the Elks Club No. 354 from Escanaba recently visited the third grade classrooms at Emerald Elementary and presented each student with their own dictionary. The Elks members then held a short lesson on what it means to be an Elks Lodge member and how service to others is important. The children may use their dictionary in class or bring them home for use.

MTU, Negaunee look to abandoned mines for energy storage

NEGAUNEE — Michigan Technological University and the City of Negaunee, are collaborating on a pilot study to determine if abandoned mines can be profitably converted into utility-scale batteries, storing "green" energy for consumers on the electrical grid.

Researchers hope the study, funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, will demonstrate a potentially transformative technology system — underground pumped hydro storage — for the regional economy in post-mining communities throughout the Lake Superior mining areas.

Pumped hydro storage is a mature technology used around the world. The basics are the same as any hydroelectric power generator: Store water in a high-elevation pond or tank, or behind a dam, then allow the water to flow down through a turbine to generate

electricity. Wind and solar power generation systems typically require a battery to store power when the generators are producing more than consumers are using. Storage facilities can push that power back onto the network when demand is high, but generation is low. Pumped hydro storage is among the cleanest and most efficient way we have to store electrical energy.

"Imagine, for example, a strong wind generating power at 3 a.m. when nobody needs it," said Roman Sidortsov, assistant professor of energy policy. "An efficient battery allows the grid to smooth out those variations."

But in Negaunee's case, the storage facility would use surplus power to pump water up to a certain

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Community banks are driving the cornerstone of the UP Economy: mBank CEO talks about the importance of community banking

By InvestUP

MANISTIQUE — If you ever do business with community banks, you may notice something different about them. Tellers greet you by name. Loan officers are familiar with your local company — in fact, they might even be your customers. That personal touch and feeling of comfort is a hallmark of community banks across the Upper Peninsula and beyond.

However, they offer more than a warm welcome. Community banks support the local economy by creating jobs, giving back to their communities, and helping small- and medium-sized local business grow and thrive.

There are 23 banking brands in the Upper Peninsula — seven national or regional and 16 with headquarters in the U.P. — with deposits that exceed \$4.7 billion. The region's largest community bank is mBank, headquartered in Manistique.

Chartered in 1934 under the name of First National Bank in Manistique, mBank is the largest bank by asset size (\$1.3 billion) headquartered in the U.P. and approximately the 10th largest bank by asset size headquartered in Michigan. mBank has 29 total banking centers located predominantly in Northern Michigan and Northern Wisconsin, with eleven domiciled in the U.P.

The growth experienced by mBank, especially in the last five years, has allowed the company to make a significant contribution to the overall economy in the region.

mBank's President and Chief Executive Officer Kelly George equates the community bank experience with upscale dining.

"We take the time to get to know clients," he explained. "We're not a 'fast food bank' — we're more fine dining. We don't want to just get you in and out and super-size you with products you don't need. We like to sit down with you and go through the full course so we can understand your needs and provide you with the right financial services."

The U.P. is fortunate to have a strong community bank platform that can accommodate a wide range of business sizes and industries, with safe and sound local banks for businesses to select from that best fit their needs," George added.

mBank takes pride in its employees

and its ability to create local jobs.

"The workforce in the U.P. is second to none. Our people are the cornerstone of our strength as a community bank," George noted.

mBank employs approximately 295 employees, a majority of whom call the Upper Peninsula home. The bank ensures that its employees have the necessary training, skills, and knowledge to be successful.

"We're proud to have cultivated a company culture where employees can experience career growth and educational opportunities," George added.

Like most community banks, mBank empowers individuals and small- to medium-sized businesses with smart financing and depository solutions. According to the Independent Community Bankers of America, community banks make nearly 50 percent of small business loans and 82 percent of agricultural loans.

Granting access to capital for economic growth is one of mBank's primary goals. In July 2018, ICBA recognized mBank as one of the top community banks nationally in commercial lending initiatives for banks with approximately \$1 billion in assets.

Individuals and businesses alike benefit from a localized approach.

"Probably the biggest difference, and a reason why people bank at community banks, is that the decisions are made locally," George explained.

"When someone comes into the bank seeking a loan, we make the decision right here. They don't have to send paperwork to Detroit or Chicago for decisions to be made by individuals with little direct knowledge of the local business ecologies or clients. We can visit a log yard, walk a manufacturing facility, or tour a development project.

Our people are empowered to make decisions because they know the customers well and they know the markets," he continued. "That's our biggest competitive advantage."

Community banks tend to be active in the

communities they serve. mBank contributes monetary investments and countless volunteer hours in areas including education, literacy, human services, animal welfare, and healthcare. The bank and its employees are committed to making an impact — whether donating to Feeding America, supporting the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight program, or helping to fund Beacon House.

Like its peers across the nation, the bank plays a vital role in anchoring its communities through good times and bad. mBank is dedicated to creating local jobs, aiding community initiatives, and providing capital and other resources for small businesses, while partnering to drive economic growth across Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

For more information on mBank, visit www.bankmBank.com.

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Headquartered in Manistique, Michigan, mBank proudly serves Michigan and Northern Wisconsin with 29 branch locations. With assets in excess of \$1.30 billion, the community bank empowers individuals and small to medium sized businesses with smart financing and depository solutions for peace of mind. For more information, visit: bankmBank.com. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

Heart talk with the doc

Rudy Evonich, MD
Cardiac Electrophysiologist

Atrial Fibrillation & Stroke Prevention

Tuesday, Feb. 12
Comfort Inn

617 E. Lakeshore Dr.
Manistique, MI
7:00 pm

Atrial fibrillation (AFib or AF) is a quivering or irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) that can lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other heart-related complications. At least 2.7 million Americans are living with AFib, making them up to 5 times more likely to have a stroke in their lifetime.

Join board certified Cardiac Electrophysiologist Dr. Rudy Evonich on Feb. 12 for a FREE presentation on AFib symptoms, risk factors, stroke prevention and advanced treatment options available right here in the UP.

No RSVP is necessary. We hope to see you there!

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DDA Goal Setting Meeting

CITY OF MANISTIQUE

A joint goal setting session will be held with the Downtown Development Authority and Manistique City Council on February 11, 2019, at 10 a.m. located at the Comfort Inn. This will take the place of the regular council meeting on February 11, 2019 at 7 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

— Janell Irie, City Clerk

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Energy storage

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elevation. When demand outpaces power supply, the water runs down into turbines, which then generate electricity.

"We think this is a fantastic idea," said Nate Heffron, Negaunee City Manager. Heffron and city planner David Nelson, will bring community members into the design process at an early stage. "Discovering a way to return these places to productive industrial use, providing jobs and lowering energy costs, while also preserving or enhancing the historical fabric of our community — this is an amazing opportunity for us all."

"Placing such a system below ground is what makes the collaboration revolutionary."

"Generally speaking, few organizations are building utility-scale hydroelectric systems now," Sidortsov said.

Public concerns with the ecological impacts of water diversions and impoundments, combined with resistance to infrastructure development by neighboring property owners has often meant that permitting utility-scale systems is difficult.

"If we move the entire system below ground and make it self-contained, there would be no effect on surface water flow, ecological systems or landscapes and scenic views."

An underground pumped hydro storage system might be essentially invisible," Sidortsov

said. "Many of the abandoned mines in our area might work for this," said Timothy Scarlett, associate professor of archaeology and anthropology. "Many mines are deep, but only partly flooded."

The researchers propose their design could allow the system to pump water from flooded levels into higher, dry ones, using old stoves and shafts as giant water tanks.

No water is discharged from the system.

"Many of the mines in our area are also heritage sites, and they operate as museums, community parks and historic sites," Scarlett said. "Our laws about ecological protection and historic preservation work together to help communities work through projects like these."

The team says storage systems could be designed to support the heritage landscape, instead of conflicting with the way decommissioned mines are used today. Many such mines had powerhouses that produced electricity for their communities, and that historic infrastructure could be adapted to reconnect the storage facility back to the electrical grid.

"The heritage of these communities is an asset, not a liability," Scarlett said, "both in terms of the historic landscape and the cultural identity that people share around these places."

Clara B. McLaren



Clara B. McLaren

MANISTIQUE — Clara Beverly McLaren, 83, of Manistique, Mich., passed away Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility where she was currently residing due to health issues since June 2018. She was a lifetime resident of Gemfask, Mich.

She was born Jan. 27, 1935, in Gemfask, the daughter of Martha Smith. She was raised by her mother Martha and her husband John Talkowski. She attended elementary school in Gemfask and later attended Manistique High School.

Clara married Robert McLaren on Oct. 13, 1951, in McMillan, Mich. They made their home in Gemfask where they raised their eight children, five sons and three daughters.

Clara loved being a homemaker and raising her children. She also was employed outside the home as a housekeeper throughout her life. She was active in the Lionsess Club of Gemfask. She also played softball for many years and enjoyed watching the games when she could no longer play. Clara also loved playing cards with friends and family and dancing, and listening to country music. She took great pleasure in spending time with her family and was especially fond of her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Clara especially loved the holidays when all the fam-

ily would get together at her house. She is survived by her sons, Randy (Melody) McLaren of Iron Mountain, Mich., Bill McLaren of Champion, Mich., Terry (Becky) McLaren of Munising, Mich., Tony McLaren of Gemfask, and Charles (Tanya) McLaren of Orleans, Mich.; daughters, Rhonda (Terry) Pappic, Beverly (Chip) Burton, Carmen (Tim) Pittenger, all of Gemfask; siblings, Fern (Duanic) Streeter of Gemfask, Josephine (Jim) Reynolds of Manistique, and Arthur (Lisa) Kubont of Superior, Wis.; 18 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother Martha and step-father John Talkowski; loving husband Robert; granddaughter Samantha McLaren; great-grandson Dawson Miller; brother John Talkowski; and many aunts and uncles.

Visitation was held from 12-2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Fausett Family Funeral Homes in Manistique. Funeral service were held at 2 p.m. with Pastor J.D. Livermore officiating.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family for future designation. Fausett Family Funeral Homes of Manistique and Garden assisted the family with arrangements. Family and friends may send condolences or share a memory at fausettfh.com.

Donald Downing



Donald Downing

MANISTIQUE — Donald "Don" Downing, 60, of Manistique, Mich., passed away suddenly at UP Health Systems in Marquette, Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

Don was born Feb. 28, 1958, in Manistique, the son of Lawrence and Arbutus (Brown) Downing. Raised in Newberry, Mich., Don went to Newberry Area Schools and in 1978 received his GED.

In Oct. 21, 1978, Don married Diane Kleeman in Engadine, Mich. In 1979, Don went to Bay de Noc Community College and completed his training to become a diesel mechanic. Shortly thereafter, Don began working as a mechanic for his brother Larry Downing at Superior Used Cars & RVs in Gladstone, Mich.

In 1984, Don and Diane began their family by giving birth to their first child, Donald Jr. In 1986, they completed their family with the addition of Desiree. Shortly after her birth, Donald began his training to become a Corrections Officer for the State of Michigan.

During his career, Don worked in various facilities, including: Huron Valley Men's in Ypsilanti, Camp Sauble in Fressoil (which was the first facility to convert to bootcamp), Camp Cusino in Shingleton, and Camp Manistique in Manistique. After Camp Manistique closed, Don transferred to Alger Max in Munising, where he completed his 25 years of service and retired as a Sergeant.

with his various wood working tools.

He loved playing cribbage more than any other game, and with his woodworking skills, he began making his own boards. His two favorite possessions were his big red Chevy truck and his bright green John Deere tractor.

More than anything, Don was exceedingly proud of his wife and two children.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Diane; son, Donald Downing, Jr.; daughter, Desiree Downing, all of Manistique; brother, Larry Downing of Gladstone; sisters, Linda (Glen) Metcalf of Engadine, Yvonne Downing of Grand Rapids, Deb (Tom) Burton of Gould City, Mich., Mary (Jim) Archambeau of Newberry, Becky (Joe) Hank of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Alice Trombly of Gould City, and Roberts Trombly of Munising, Mich.; father-in-law Rudolph "Rudy" Kleeman of Engadine; brother-in-laws, Rudolph "Ken" (Tina) Kleeman of AuTrain; become a Corrections Officer for the State of Michigan.

He is preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Ed Trombly; brother, James "Jim" Downing; and mother-in-law, Viola Kleeman. Per Don's wishes, the family has decided against any services at this time. His family, instead, asks that guests stop by the house to share memories of Don; have a cup of coffee, good conversation or play cribbage on one of the many boards Don was so proud of creating.

Any memorial donations may be directed to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry of Manistique. Fausett 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 fausettfh.com.

Income tax filing season officially begins

LANSING — Michigan's individual income tax filing season officially began Monday, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Effective immediately, Michiganders can start filing their 2018 tax year state individual income tax returns online or submit paper forms through the U.S. Postal Service. All individual income tax returns must be filed or postmarked by April 15.

"All systems are operating as normal," said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, who oversees Treasury's Tax Administration program. "Filing electronically is the easiest and quickest way for Michigan

taxpayers to get their refund. This helps ensure tax returns are accurate and improves tax refund turnaround times."

Choosing electronic filing and direct deposit is convenient, safe and secure. Last year, more than 4.2 million Michigan taxpayers e-filed, which is 83 percent of state income tax filers.

For more information about e-filing, go to www.mifastfile.org. After Feb. 1, printed tax forms will be available in limited quantities at public libraries, some northern Michigan post offices, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services county offices and Treasury Field Offices.

For the benefit and convenience

of taxpayers, both the beginning and end of the individual income tax filing season are the same as the Internal Revenue Service.

Tax-Related Identity Theft Protections

To protect Michigan taxpayers, the state Treasury Department continues to implement security measures to stop tax-related identity theft. As a result, some individual income tax returns may be selected for identity confirmation.

If an individual income tax return has been selected for identity confirmation, the

taxpayer will receive a letter from Treasury asking them to confirm their identity by completing a short online quiz or submitting paperwork. A phone option is available for those individuals who need additional assistance.

After a taxpayer confirms his or her identity, their tax refund will be issued in about a month.

"Don't wait to file your tax return," White said. "By filing early, taxpayers can prevent

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Short but mighty

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GFWC - Manistique recently announced its short story contest winners. All received positive reviews by the members. Ciara Cunningham, who received first place for her story titled "My Forever Family", will go on to the GFWC State of Michigan competition. Second place went to Grace Miller for "A Normal Life". In third place was Kevin Baker for his story, titled "Letters to Alessa". From left to right are: Cunningham, Miller and Baker.

Lifestyles Briefs

MTU releases names of fall dean's list students

HOUGHTON - Michigan Technological University has released the dean's list for the 2018 fall semester. More than 1,800 students were named to the dean's list last fall.
To be included, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
Among the honorees are the following from the local area: Dylan Bell, chemical engineering; Garden; Abby Schwartz, chemistry; Gulliver; Mason Matchinski, computer engineering, Manistique.

Bay College announces names of fall graduates

ESCANABA - Bay College recently announced the names of the students who have completed all of the requirements for an associate degree or certificate during the fall 2018 semester.
Local students include:
Associate in Arts degree: Alex Rangnette, Garden; Erika LaFolice, and Sergio Lozoya, Manistique.
Associate in Science degree, pre-natural resources: Samantha Woehler, Manistique.
Associate in Applied Science degree, automotive technology: Drew Savage, Manistique.
Associate in Applied Science degree, business: Emily Thennes, Garden; Brandi Minor, Manistique.
Associate in Applied Science degree law enforcement: Dennis Jackson, Manistique.

FEMA offers tips to handle extreme cold

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - As officials from the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region VII office monitored the development of an arctic outbreak this week, they also encouraged residents to act, preparing both their home, and families for whatever may arise.
"Residents should take these conditions seriously and stay informed," said FEMA Region VII Administrator Paul Taylor. "These types of life-threatening wind chills could lead to frostbite on exposed skin in a matter of minutes."

Visiting Ready.gov can help people prepare for severe winter weather, to include this extreme cold we are about to experience."

Take protective measures before winter storms and extreme cold

Develop or modify an existing family disaster plan to account for the winter weather-related hazards in your area.

Be familiar with the terms that are used to identify a winter storm hazard and discuss with your family what to do if a winter storm watch or warning is issued. Terms used to describe a winter storm

hazard may include:

- Freezing Rain creates a coating of ice on roads and walkways.
- Sleet is rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes roads to freeze and become slippery.
- Winter Weather Advisory means cold, ice and snow are expected.
- Winter Storm Watch means severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two.
- Winter Storm Warning means severe winter conditions have begun or will begin very soon.

Create an emergency supply kit that includes at least three days' worth of food and water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio and extra flashlights and batteries. Thoroughly check and update your family's emergency supply kit and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:

- Rock salt to melt ice on walkways;
- Sand to improve traction;
- Snow shovels and other snow-removal equipment;
- Adequate clothing and blankets to help keep you warm.

Ensure your family preparedness plan and contacts are up-to-date. Practice your plan. Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your state and local government.

Make sure to think about a supply kit for your car as well because winter weather can hit when we are out and about to work, school and daily activities. Try to keep your gas tank as full as possible in case you are stuck on a highway for an extended period of time.

Emergency Response and Exercising Caution After Winter Storms

Follow the instructions of state, local and tribal officials and listen to local radio or TV stations for updated emergency information. If you are told to stay off the roads, stay home, and when it is safe, check on your neighbors or friends nearby who may need assistance or extra support. Older adults and individuals who are dependent on life-sustaining medical equipment or assistive devices such as a

ventilator or mobility devices, may need additional support in areas that have lost power.

Important Tips to Remember:

Severe winter weather can include snow or subfreezing temperatures, strong winds and ice or heavy rain storms. Avoid traveling by car, but if you must, make sure you have an emergency supply kit in the trunk of your car. Again, FEMA urges families to maintain an emergency supply kit both at home and in the car to help prepare for winter power outages and icy or impassable roads.

Do not put your family at risk. Follow these important safety tips from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, FEMA and the U.S. Fire Administration in the aftermath of the storm:

Portable Generators - Never use a generator inside a home, basement, shed or garage ever if doors and windows are open. Keep

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cybercriminals from stealing their refunds."

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


To learn more about reporting tax-related identity theft, go to www.michigan.gov/identitythft. Since 2016, the state Treasury Department's increased security measures protected more than 4,500 taxpayers who confirmed their identity was stolen

and used to request state of Michigan income tax refunds. This prevented more than \$19 million from being distributed to scammers.

Free Tax Help

Individuals with low income, disabilities or are 60 years of age or older may qualify for free tax preparation help from IRS-certified volunteers. For information about free tax help, go to <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/> or dial 2-1-1.

To learn more about Michigan's individual income tax or to download forms, go to www.michigan.gov/incometax.



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GFWC to host fundraising auction for cancer research

MANISTIQUE - The General Federation of Women's Clubs - Manistique will host a silent auction benefiting the cancer research project through the Order of Eastern Star of Michigan. The auction will take place Feb. 6.

A handcrafted Adirondack chair and foot stool (similar to the one pictured) will be auctioned at the fundraiser from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Shopko Hometown in Manistique.

The chair is in the ribbon shape and painted pink. All proceeds will go toward the cancer research project through the Order of Eastern Star of Michigan as it is one of the GFWC - Manistique's charities for 2019.

The chair bidding will start at \$200. Bids may be made at the Shopko store that day or partici-



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pants may call Sherri Krause at 341-6701 to place a bid.

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Nessel: Energy providers must keep prices affordable

LANSING — As Michigan-ers prepare for extremely cold temperatures, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and the Michigan Agency for Energy today asked Michiganders to report propane price gouging during the state of emergency to help protect the state's most vulnerable from those who seek to take advantage of the weather-related emergencies by increasing rates.

The Department of Attorney General launched two investigations into grossly excessive propane pricing after receiving hundreds of complaints during the polar vortex and subsequent state of emergency declaration. The department investigated two of the nation's largest propane companies: Ferrelgas and AmeriGas. The Ferrelgas investigation resulted in an immediate assurance agreement that brought roughly \$100,000 in reimbursements to Michigan consumers while the AmeriGas investigation resulted in a lawsuit that was ultimately settled in an agreement that brought more than \$500,000 in credits or reimbursements to consumers.

Anti-trust laws also prohibit fuel providers from entering into agreements to arbitrarily fix prices in unison. Michigan Department of Attorney General takes complaints about alleged unlawful rate fixing and grossly excessive price increases directly into its Consumer Protection Division. The office investigates any time there is evidence that state law has been violated. "The Michigan Agency for En-

ergy monitors supplies of propane and other fuels throughout the year and works with stakeholders to assure energy security for all Michiganders," said Madhu Anderson, deputy director of the Michigan Agency for Energy. "We urge residents to work with their supplier so they have adequate propane to get through this arctic blast and check www.michigan.gov/propane regularly to track statewide average prices." Currently, the reported statewide average for propane is approximately \$2.03 per gallon. Consumers who have guaranteed price contracts with propane suppliers may be subject to higher market prices once they've used the guaranteed amount covered by their contract. If consumers believe they have become a victim of retailers engaging in behavior that violates the Consumer Protection Act, they are encouraged to file a complaint at Michigan.gov/agcomplaints or call 1-877-765-8388. The Michigan Agency for Energy has additional resources and energy-saving tips for those who heat their homes with propane at Michigan.gov/propane.

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Wear socks and slippers. When you go to bed, use extra covers and wear a night cap or hat. Drink alcohol moderately, if at all. Alcohol can make you lose body heat. Have family or friends check on you during cold weather. If a power outage leaves you without heat, try to stay with a relative or friend. You may be tempted to warm your room with a space heater. But, some space heaters are fire hazards, and others can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Is there help for my heating bills? If you are having a hard time paying your heating bills, there are some resources that might help. Contact the National Energy Assistance Referral service at (866) 674-6327 (toll-free, TTY: (866) 367-6228 or email the National Energy Assistance Referral project to get information about the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Newsletter update: The 2019 Informational Newsletter and the February newsletter were both sent to the printer Jan. 17. Hopefully we will be receiving them both soon. We will get them mailed as soon as possible. Don't forget the annual Hotdog Roast is Feb. 21. Get your money in ASAP. Also newsletter dues are now due, still \$5 for the dues. Here is the birthday list for Febru-

ary, just in case the newsletter is late from the printer. Feb. 4 - Loreta Norbotten-Gould; Feb. 7 - Velda Wheatley and Tom Hoholik; Feb. 8 - Charlamaine; Feb. 10 - Judy McEachern, Bonnie Garvin, and Irene Hinchey; Feb. 11 - Ernestine Clark and David Henry; Feb. 12 - Nancy Calhoun; Feb. 14 - Jim Hardy; Feb. 15 - Ellie Tennat; Feb. 16 - Pam Koepke; Feb. 18 - Ken Rautala; Feb. 19 - Sheila Haskins; Feb. 22 - Bonnie Rochefort; Feb. 23 - Don Tyrrell and Asa Lenon; Feb. 24 - Janet Hienz; Feb. 26 - Julie Burrell; Feb. 27 - Diane Elcoate. No birthday this year for Peggy Beckman... her birthday is Feb. 29. So next year in 2020 Miss Peggy will be 23! Happy birthday to all - BRIDGE Jan. 18 - First-Carol Hough, Second-Adrian Savoie, Third-Muriel Whitman, Fourth-Janice Redeker, CF-Debbie Price, Hostess, Muriel Whitman. BRIDGE Jan. 25: First-Jackie Bruce, Second-Judy Provo, Third-Carol Hough, CF-Larry Savoie, Hostess, Jackie Bruce. 500 Jan. 18: First-Chris Keener, Second-Cathy Wise, Third-George Shampine, Should'a Stayed Home-Perry Wise (they don't mean it, Perry) Jan. 25: First-Larry Peterson, Second-Gary Koepke, Third-Arlene DeMers, Should'a Stayed Home-Nancy Babbitt.

Lifestyles Brief

Life Line Screenings to visit Manistique March 1

MANISTIQUE — Residents living in and around the Manistique area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with screenings by Life Line Screening. Comfort Inn will host the community event March 1. Screenings can check for: The level of plaque buildup in

your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health. HDL and LDL cholesterol levels. Diabetes risk. Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis. Kidney and thyroid function, and more. Screenings are affordable,

convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available. Packages start at \$149, but consultants can create tailored packages based on age and risk factors. Call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Extreme cold

generators outdoors and far away from windows, doors and vents. Read both the label on your generator and the owner's manual and follow the instructions. Any electrical cables you use with the generator should be free of damage and suitable for outdoor use. Charcoal Grills and Camp Stoves - Never use charcoal grills or camp stoves indoors. Deaths have occurred when consumers burned charcoal or used camp stoves in enclosed spaces, which

produced lethal levels of carbon monoxide. CO Alarms - Install carbon monoxide alarms immediately outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home to protect against CO poisoning. Electrical Safety - Stay away from any downed wires, including cable TV feeds. They may be live with deadly voltage. Candles - Use caution with candles. If possible, use flashlights instead. If you must use candles, do not burn them on or near

anything that can catch fire. Never leave burning candles unattended. Extinguish candles when you leave the room. For more information and winter safety tips, please visit: https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather or www.fisto.gov to find out how you can prepare your family for winter storms and other disasters.

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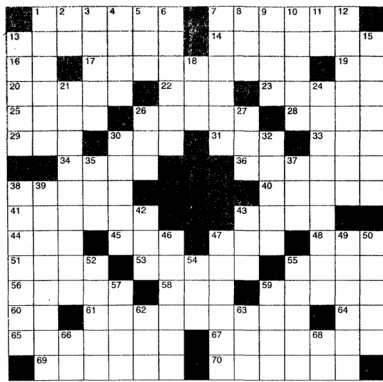
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33. Small lamp
34. Baroque musical instrument
36. The third sign of the zodiac
38. The 'st' letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. A group of nine
41. Garment
43. Capital of Yemen
44. One point south of due east
45. Drain
47. Moved quickly
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot
53. Indicates silence
55. Protein-rich liquids
56. Samaan monetary units

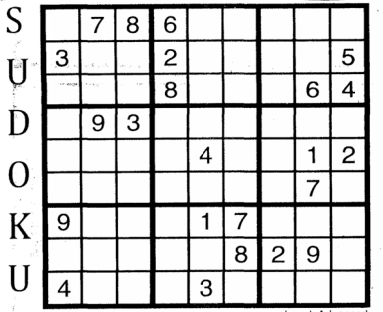
- 58. ... your's, cross your t's
59. Forms the bottom
60. Potato slate
61. Toy that spins around
64. Barium
65. Type of molting
67. Closes again
69. Sounds the same
70. Come into view

- 26. Afflict in mind or body
27. Set up
30. Toilets
32. 'Life of Jesus' theologian
35. A big deal on Wall St.
37. Western Thai people
38. Free from contamination
39. Type of dog
42. Revolver
43. High schoolers' exam
46. San Diego ballplayers
47. Hit the sack
49. Suitable for crops
50. Red mineral
52. Yellowish-brown
54. Lowest point
55. Late TNT broadcaster
57. Thin strip to align parts
59. Swiss wind
62. A way to chill
63. Jewel
66. Rhodium
68. The top lawyer in the land

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mix
2. Indicates position
3. Quantitative facts
4. Strong and healthy
5. Former measure of length
6. Dads tend to be this
7. Parts of a movie
8. An animal's foot
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Saudi Arabian money
11. One billion gigabytes
12. Smallest musical interval
13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
14. Moved quickly
15. Chesse dish
18. An ugly evil-looking old woman
21. Widely used
24. Makes into pages

All puzzle answers are on page B3



Word Search

GAMEPLAY WORD SEARCH

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ANALOG
BALANCE
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Solve the code to discover words related to video games.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Clue: 1 = e)
7 3 1 0 1
Clue: Form of play
11 26 6 20 4 26 16 16 1 4
Clue: Director's action
3 11 20 9 26 6
Clue: Process of doing something
8 2 8 20 1 10
Clue: Hardware components

Appointment

Pool. Commissioner Mersnick noted that it would be up to the newly elected, incoming commissioners to reconsider the appointment of Pool.

During last week's meeting, Commissioner John Shiner made the motion to appoint Pool to the SMH Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Hoholik.

"Having looked at the candidate's credentials - from his academic to his professional training - he seems like the type of individual who, moving forward, that's the kind of person we want to get on think tanks, that's the kind of person we want to have on boards," Shiner said. "He has a very, very impressive resume package."

No other comments were made by the remaining commissioners and no discussion took place on Pool's appointment, yet commissioners Corey Barr, Ott, and Reiter, the board's chairperson, voted against the motion.

Commissioner Shiner voted in favor of the motion to approve Pool's appointment, and Commissioner Hoholik abstained, as he is an employee of SMH.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, resident Jennifer Watson addressed the board's failure to appoint Pool to the SMH board.

"I think I'll just take the opportunity to echo that Russell Pool is very qualified - he's offered to sit on the board at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, and I think it is imperative that we get directors with that quality of education and who are willing to serve the community," she said. "It just floors me that there were three 'no' votes and there was really no discussion. I think, I could be wrong, but aren't you required to provide information as to why you voted 'no'?"

"Following the meeting, the Pioneer Tribune requested a comment from each of the three commissioners who voted against Pool's appointment."

"This was a very hard decision for me to make, first of all, my reasons had nothing to do with any political affiliations," Reiter said. "Over the past years as a commissioner, I have appointed many people to boards that had not shared my political affiliations. I have always based my decisions on who I felt would work best for the appointment. In December, the county board was given three names to fill three seats that were becoming empty in the hospital board. The County Board affirmed two out of the three appointments. Mr. Pool was the only name not affirmed."

Mr. Pool has many skills that the hospital might be looking for in a board member. However, I have had the opportunity to observe Mr. Pool on several occasions, based on that, I thought that he would be problematic serving on and working with the other board members," he continued. "This is what Don Perigo (hospital board chair) and I went over when we met at my home after the first vote in December. I did not go over this in a public forum; I have no ill will for Mr. Pool, nor wish him any problems. Don assured me in that meeting that the good outweighed the bad and that he could work with him. However, I did not share Don's optimism. It seemed to me that Don's main concern was that he thought through Mr. Pool's con-

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but of common sense; the very attributes one hopes an elected official possesses."

Pool went on to address the conversation between Perigo and Reiter. "I was not present. It appears that discussion was private and between the two of them. Neither Mr. Perigo nor Commissioner Reiter shared with me the particulars of that discussion, nor frankly, I wouldn't expect them to," he said. "I suspect they were trying to reach common-ground regarding my confirmation. In my opinion, Commissioner Reiter's disclosure to the Tribune of that private conversation speaks volumes about trustworthiness. I have the deepest respect for Mr. Perigo. I defer to him as to what was discussed and what he believes is appropriate and necessary to disclose regarding his private conversation with Commissioner Reiter."

At this juncture, absent a compelling reason otherwise, I believe it is in the best interest of the hospital for me to withdraw my name from further consideration as a potential board member," he added. "This withdrawal removes the distraction of my nomination process and allows members of the existing board to focus on what is important, their efficient and effective oversight of a hospital that exists and strives to provide quality health and wellness services for the people of our region."

My credentials were carefully vetted by the hospital board and unanimously approved and forwarded to the county commissioners for confirmation," he continued. "Therefore, I was surprised when the first time I heard of Commissioner Reiter's perception of me is when I read the prepared response he provided the (Pioneer) Tribune. A response that lacks specificity, context, and substance. In fact, I am mystified why Commissioner Reiter chose to publicly voice his perceptions first through the Tribune. It would have been more appropriate and efficient to raise them directly at the county commissioner confirmation meeting where any questions concerning my qualifications could be fairly and openly discussed and answered. Sharing his concerns publicly for the first time with the Tribune causes me to question Commissioner Reiter's motives and whether his thought process is tempered with good judgment and the somewhat elusive attri-

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Cloverland Electric Cooperative names new president and CEO

DAFTER – Cloverland Electric Cooperative has a new president and CEO. Michael Heise will serve in the position, effective Feb. 11.

Heise was appointed by the co-op's board of directors. In his leadership role, Heise will focus on top priorities for Cloverland, which include developing its four-year work plan into a more robust strategic plan and vision, addressing its financial position, and strengthening industry relationships to build a stronger cooperative.

"Mike's experience, expertise and fluent knowledge of utility management made him the best choice," said Board Chairperson Jason St. Onge. "He will be great not only for Cloverland, but the Eastern Upper Peninsula. We are excited to have him on board."

Heise brings more than 25 years of utility and facility management

experience leading customer-driven service organizations. Most recently, he directed business development for American Electric Power OnSite Partners in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to AEP, Heise served as chief operating officer for Power Systems Design and Quality Lines in Findlay, Ohio.

"I am honored that the board of directors has selected me as the next CEO of Cloverland Electric Cooperative," said Heise. "I am excited about this wonderful opportunity and look forward to becoming part of the Cloverland family and community. My family and I are excited about this new chapter of our lives."

Cloverland's chief financial



Michael Heise

officer and director of power marketing and regulatory affairs, Aaron Wallin, who has been serving as interim president and CEO, is looking forward to welcoming the new CEO.

"I am pleased to have Mike on board and look forward to his leveraging his expertise in providing reliable energy at an affordable price. Mike is exactly the right person to lead Cloverland and I anticipate a bright future for the cooperative," said Wallin, who will return his full attention to his CFO role to focus on improving the cooperative's financial health while keeping rates affordable. Last August, board members engaged Dr. Peter Mitchell, of Proactive Transition Management,

to conduct the executive search for candidates qualified to serve as the cooperative's president and CEO. Mitchell conducted a series of listening sessions with the board, staff and community to establish the ideal candidate's credentials, experience and leadership style.

More than 20 candidates expressed interest in the opportunity and the field was narrowed to 10 whose profiles aligned well with the role's requirements. The board then selected three candidates for further vetting and interviews before arriving with the unanimous decision of Heise.

Heise, an electrical engineering graduate of the University of Toledo, resides in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, with his wife of 25 years. Together, they have two sons who are both enrolled at the University of Akron in Ohio.

News Briefs

'Your Health Lecture Series' to address autism

ESCANABA – The annual Your Health Lecture Series, sponsored by Bay College and Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, continues Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. with a talk by Dr. Barbara Thompson on Understanding Social Motivation in Autism. The presentation is free and open to the public.

It will be in the Bay College Student Center Conference Room 525, 2001 N. Lincoln Road,

Escanaba. Join Thompson for an informative conversation about autism spectrum disorder, including:

- Understanding brain mechanisms involved in social motivation.
- Gain awareness of individual differences of social behaviors.
- Recognizing the need for individualized interventions for disorders of social behaviors.

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Last year was an eye opener to me," she continued. "This was my first time getting a glimpse behind the scenes of what it takes to pull this annual event off. I was amazed at our community and how they came together to help make this event a success. This is our 52nd year, and I plan on being a part of keeping this tradition going for another 50 years."

Stoll graduated from Manistique High School and went on to receive a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering technology from Lake Superior State University. After graduation, Stoll began his career by taking a position as an electrical project engineer with MJ Electric, based in Iron Mountain, Mich.

In 1999, Stoll and his family moved back to Manistique when he got his start in the mining industry at Ogilby Norton's Port Inland Plant.

Then, in 2007, Stoll began his career with Western Lime (now Graymont) as the plant manager of the Port Inland Plant – a position he still holds today.

Stoll and his wife, Amy, continue to live in Manistique and have four daughters: Samantha, Ally, Lilly, and Paige.

"I am honored to be a part of CBC," Stoll said. "Each year, our CBC volunteers put forth a tremendous effort to ensure the CBC events continue to build on previous successes and we are so thankful for all your past and future contributions to the CBC charities. It is truly a privilege to serve a third chair this year."

For more information about the CBC Fund Drive or to volunteer with or donate to the cause, visit www.cbcschoolcraft.org or the organization Facebook page: "CBC Schoolcraft County".

District Court

93rd District Court

Newberry, charged with fishing too many lines (1-19). Assessed \$210.
Russell Lee St. John, 38, N. First Street, Manistique, pled guilty in 93rd District Court to malicious destruction of property (11/18). Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$150 statute fine, \$200 statute costs, \$160 attorney fees, \$420 probation oversight fees, \$1,055 total. Sentenced to serve 25 days in the Schoolcraft County Jail with credit for 25 days served.

Placed on 12 months probation. Optional jail 93 days.
Guy Vernon Vertz, 34, Stanley Road, Manistique, pled guilty in 93rd District Court to disorderly drunk person (11/18). Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$150 statute fine, \$200 statute costs, \$160 attorney fees, \$840 probation oversight fees, \$1,475 total. Sentenced to serve 25 days in the Schoolcraft County Jail with credit for 25 days served. Placed on 24 months probation. Optional

jail 93 days.
Derek Ryan Popour, 35, County Road 437, Manistique, pled guilty in 93rd District Court to operated while impaired by liquor (10/18). Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$440 statute fine, \$660 statute costs, \$433 other costs, \$1,658 total. Sentenced to serve one day in the Schoolcraft County Jail with credit for one day served. Shall perform 24 hours community service. Optional jail 60 days.

Police Log

Manistique Public Safety Department

4:10 p.m., missing child, within the city.
6:31 p.m., domestic dispute, N. Houghton Avenue.
Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019
10:33 a.m., lock out, E. Lakeshore Drive.
3:37 p.m., breaking and entry of motor vehicle, Park Avenue.
9:45 p.m., fire, Cherry Street.
Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019
1:18 p.m., assault, S. Cedar Street.
7:40 p.m., lock out, E. Lakeshore Drive.
8:00 p.m., unwanted person, Pearl Street.
Monday, Jan. 28, 2019
11:45 a.m., embezzlement, E.

Lakeshore Drive.
2:50 p.m., one car PDA, U.S. 2 and Chippewa Avenue.
4:45 p.m., lock out, Riverview Drive.
5:55 p.m., alarm, Deer Street.
8:25 p.m., parking violation, N. Fifth Street.

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Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019
7:15 a.m., harassment, within the city.
8:00 a.m., two car PDA, Chippewa Avenue.
8:05 a.m., hit and run PDA, within the city.
12:45 p.m., car verses pedestrian, E. Lakeshore Drive.
2:35 p.m., safety concerns, Walnut Street.
Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019
7:46 a.m., private vehicle crash, S. Cedar Street.
8:58 a.m., civil, Arbutus Ave.
1:19 p.m., vehicle in ditch, Veteran's Drive.
1:26 p.m., snow complaint, Schoolcraft Avenue.
5:46 p.m., check welfare, Garden Avenue.
9:00 p.m., threats, E. Elk Street.
Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019
1:54 p.m., civil, W. Lakeshore Drive.
6:00 p.m., department assist, within the city.
8:15 p.m., lock out, W. Lakeshore Drive.
Friday, Jan. 25, 2019
9:09 a.m., disabled vehicle, U.S. 2 at S. Cedar Street.
1:55 p.m., failure to pay, W. Lakeshore Drive.

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Sports Brief

20th annual McDonald Lake Ice Fishing Derby set for Feb. 16-17

GULLIVER — The 20th annual McDonald Lake Ice Fishing Derby will be held Feb. 16-17 in Gulliver.

This year's derby will once again coincide with Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend, meaning those participating will not have to purchase a license.

Participants may register in advance at BG's IGA Express and Gulliver Crossroads in Gulliver and Top O'Lake Sport Shop in Manistique. The registration fee is \$10.

The registration station will be located at the public access site on McDonald Lake. Derby registration deadline is 12 p.m. Feb. 16.

Official rules for the derby are:

- Fish must be caught in McDonald Lake
- Fish must be caught by legal means
- Anybody 13 years old and over must be registered as an adult.

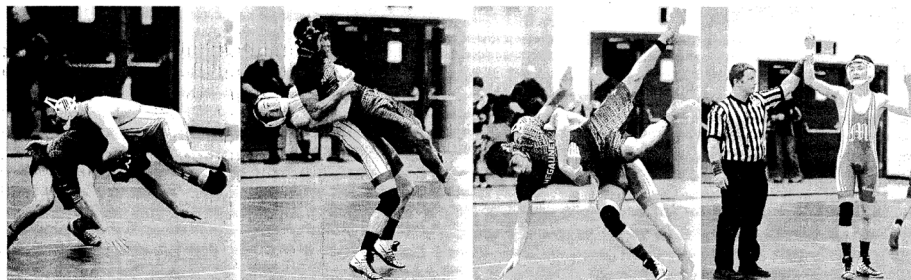
- Participants must be preregistered to win.
- Fish registration deadline is 2 p.m. Feb. 17
- No person may win more than one prize per category.

- Children 12 and under must be present and registered to receive entry gift. They will receive item on Saturday at the registration tent between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Three prizes will be awarded in the following categories: longest perch, longest pike, and longest walleye. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by weight, then by first registration.

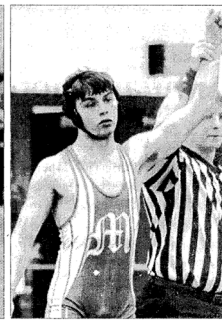
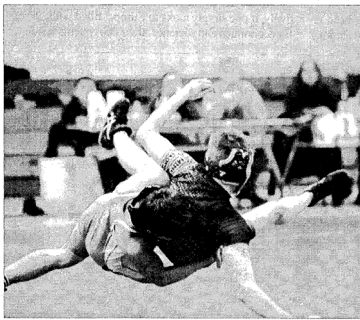
Children can register any fish caught and will be entered into a drawing that will take place on Sunday at the awards ceremony. Children must be present to win.

All decisions by derby officials will be final.



Williams, Gilroy pin at Super Duals

Joe LeBlanc photos
It was a busy day at the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium Saturday when the Manistique Emeralds wrestling team hosted the annual Manistique Super Duals. At the end of the day, Bark River was crowned tournament champion with wins over Ishpeming, Munising, Manistique, and Newberry. Their lone loss was at the hands of the Negaunee Miners. For Manistique, Tony Williams finished the day undefeated. Williams is pictured above in sequence as he pins Negaunee's Alec LaPlante in first-round action. At right, Josiah Gilroy defeated Dawson Makinen, also from Negaunee, in the first round. On Saturday, Coach Matt Gonzales will take his squad to Westwood to compete in the Mid-Peninsula Conference tournament. Additional photos are available to view at www.mstapioneertribune.smugmug.com



Coming up in Sports

MANISTIQUE EMERALDS

- Boys Varsity Basketball
Fri., Feb. 1 vs. Westwood at HOME, 7:30 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 4 vs. Newberry at HOME, 7:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball
Thurs., Jan. 31 vs. Iron Mountain at Iron Mountain, 7:45 p.m.
- Varsity Swim
Thurs., Jan. 31 vs. Westwood at Westwood, 4 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 5 vs. Polar Plunge at Westwood, 5 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 6 vs. Sault Ste. Marie/Rudyard at Rudyard, 5 p.m.
- Varsity Wrestling
Sat., Feb. 2 vs. MPC Tournament at Westwood, 10 a.m.
- Varsity Cheerleading
Sat., Feb. 2 vs. Marquette Invitational at Marquette, 9 a.m.
- Wed., Feb. 6 vs. Emerald Cheer Invitational at HOME, 6 p.m.
- BIG BAY DE NOC BLACK BEARS
Boys Varsity Basketball
Fri., Feb. 1 vs. Rapid River at HOME, 6 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 4 vs. Munising at Munising, 6 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 5 vs. Hannahville at Hannahville, 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball
Thurs., Jan. 31 vs. Superior Central at HOME, 6 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 4 vs. Rapid River at HOME, 6 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 5 vs. Hannahville at Hannahville, 4 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 7 vs. Carney Nadeau at HOME, 6 p.m.



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Meet the Emerald cheer squad

Small competitive cheer team attempts to gather points

MUNISING — The Emerald competitive cheer squad was on the road Saturday, competing in the U.P. Cheer Classic in Munising. After three rounds, Escanaba took first with a combined score of 727.38.

Munising placed second with a 718.30, and Norway took third with a 611.70.

Though they are small, the Emerald squad attempts to gather as many points as possible. With an unfortunate 30-point penalty in round two, the Emeralds had a combined score of 538.94.

Division 2 results: Marquette 505.08 (154.90 8, 143.08 10, 255.10)

Division 3 results: Escanaba 727.38 (223.20, 216.88, 287.30); Gladstone 589.50 (183.40 8, 167.80, 246.50).

Division 4 results: Munising 718.30 (222.80, 203.80, 291.70); Norway 611.70 (198.60,

146.10 8, 275); Iron Mountain 575.74 (190.70, 165.94, 235.10 16); Manistique 538.94 (188.90, 120.34 30; 259.70); Inland Lakes 477.04 (156.70, 118.14, 206.20 4).

Also competing at the event was the Manistique Middle School. Taking first was Escanaba, with a 403.64 (130.24, 273.40). Munising took second with a 390.16 (124.56, 265.0), followed by Norway third with 312.50 (101.10, 219.40 8). Gladstone took fourth with 284.60 (108.40, 192.20 16) and Manistique fell into last place with 283.10 (87.90, 195.20).

The Emeralds are scheduled to participate in the Marquette Invitational Feb. 2.

The date for the Manistique Invitational has been moved up to Feb. 6, with competition set to begin at 6 p.m. in the Richard Bonifas Gymnasium. Scheduled to participate are Norway; Munising, Escanaba, and Gladstone.

Eagles soar over Bears

COOKS — While temperatures were cold outside, it was hot inside the Big Bay de Noc gymnasium Tuesday night for the visiting Engadine Eagles. Out of the gate, the Eagles were dropping shots from all over the court in the first eight minutes of play, including three from three-point range, to take a 22-5 lead over their hosts.

Things settled down in the second period, with Engadine putting up just nine to control a 31-11 halftime advantage.

From there, it was all Engadine, who scored 22 points in the third and finished with 23 in the fourth to defeat the Black Bears 76-35. Alex LaLonde and Kellen Thill scored for 26 for the Bears, who were just nine of 27 from the free throw line in the loss.

Engadine was led by Hunter Sapp, with 14 points, including three three-point baskets. Andrew Blinhard added 13 points.

With the win, Engadine improves to 10-4, the Bears fall to 6-12. The Bears will host Rapid River Friday. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

Big Bay: 5 6 11 13 - 35
Engadine: 22 9 22 23 - 75

Big Bay: LaLonde 13, Thill 13, Johnson three, Chaperon two, Harvey two, Sundling two. Engadine: McArthur eight, Miller four, Dennis eight, Blanchard 13, Snider five, Gould seven, Lugalet six, Gahrett three, Sapp 14, Grant eight.

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"Better" might be defined in terms of benefits to forests and people. These are not the goals of nature, as nature has no goals, but they are the goals of forestry. Management is required to increase benefits to forests and people. The "job," perhaps, is working toward "better". This job will most certainly not be accomplished through a hands-off process.

Two, forests are wildernesses. If wilderness is defined as an ecosystem largely untouched by human activity, then clearly our Lake States forests are far from wilderness. They're not even "natural", by some definitions. A wilderness is not simply a bunch of trees without buildings. There are several dominant natural processes that occur in forests. To direct those processes towards specific goals is what management is all about. Management intensity varies widely, depending upon sets of goals.

Three, diversity is critical, always good, and systems of low diversity are bad. This is holy ground where treading must be done lightly. Not all forest systems have inherently high levels of diversity, meaning their healthy condition is one of low diversity. A good example is jack pine on one of our many glacial sand plains.

Forests systems that have been degraded or damaged often possess lower levels of diversity. This may be a functional problem in delivering an optimal level of ecological services, or so the story goes. And, do you count exotic species? The research behind diversity equating stability is less robust than the popular opinion. Alternatively, if one simply looks to Europe, filled with successful economies and societies, their ecosystems have been

severely degraded over many centuries. Ecosystem degradation does not seem to have hampered the progress of human development too much. This would be less true in other regions of the world.

Fourth, forestry contributes to climate change. This is certainly true but in many beneficial ways. In fact, forest management is a major reason for optimism in the effort to mitigate and adapt to changing climates. Managed forest landscapes sequester more carbon than unmanaged landscapes, in the longer run. In addition, there are many other, economic, environmental, and socio-economic benefits to managed forest landscapes.

Fifth, logging destroys wildlife habitat. "Destroy" is a harsh word and not entirely accurate. It is true that mature forest habitat is temporarily changed, but the change is to a younger set of habitats that benefit a different suite of species, including some species of special concern. Over time, forest succession and, hopefully, management will re-establish those mature habitats. It's cyclical.

Sixth, clearcutting should be banned and harvests should all be done "selectively". This is a tough one, as it sounds good on paper to many people. Nevertheless, there are those forest types whose regeneration strategies are adapted to natural catastrophes. Take away the catastrophe and those forests dwindle. Selectively harvesting aspen or jack pine will cause degradation.

Then, there is the trouble with the word "selective".

Well, I have been trying to figure out when does it go from cold to really cold, to really-really cold to this is almost unreal when you add in the chill factor. Down where the kids live in Wisconsin they made the national news with the weather people calling for a chill factor of 40-50 below zero on the 29 and 30. Needless to say when it gets this bad it even takes some of the fun out of the normal winter activities. But cheer up, the days are getting longer and spring is on the way by a couple of minutes each day, but it is getting close.

As of now, as I do this week's article, spring is 51 days, 6 hours, 19 minutes, and 6 seconds away and by the time you read the paper it will be even closer.

In weather like this you may as well have a sense of humor or it will get to you and cause cabin fever. Someone wrote, "The DNR is asking those Yooper ice fishermen to have their shanties off the lakes before they go to the 4th of July fireworks. Someone else wrote that the DNR is now requiring you to have your full name and address on your ice fishing shanty along with your driver's license number, social security number, phone number, cell phone number, and wife's maiden name, along with the name of your closest living relative and sibling just in case it gets frozen into the ice and you can't get it off.

I have told you my theory before and that is if it gets frozen into the ice and snow drifts so you can't get it off just fill it full of milk jugs, tie a rope to it and run the rope to shore and tie it to a tree. This way after the ice melts you can take the end that is tied to the tree on shore hook it to

and/or the National Trappers associations. Free magazines and literature will be available.

Skunk Creek Furs will be on hand buying fur. Willow Tree Furs and Burtons Trapping Supply will be there with a wide variety of supplies for sale.

The public is invited and admission is free. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day.

"Once again, we look forward to having a good turnout for the 14th

year of this event. I would like to express thanks to all the volunteers who put this on and all of the people and businesses who donate many of the prizes we give to the kids," said Dennis Girardi (longtime member of UP Trappers). "We hope to help all the kids get started in trapping and other outdoor sports so they can enjoy the outdoors and begin a hobby that will last a lifetime"

For more information, contact Mike Lewis at (906) 774-3592 or visit www.uptrappers.com.

Annual Trappers Workshop set to take place Saturday in Hermansville

HERMANSVILLE — The 14th annual Trappers Workshop will once again be held at the Community Center in Hermansville, Feb. 2. Doors open at 8 a.m. (CST) and the last activity begins at 2:30 p.m.

The agenda for the day is: 8 a.m. doors open; 9:30 a.m., weasel trapping demo (Jim Fornetti); 10:30 a.m., mink, muskrat, raccoon trapping demo (Clint Seawright); 11:30 a.m., fur handling demo (Rich Clark); 12:30 p.m., lunch break; 1:30 p.m., door prize drawing; and 2:30 p.m., distribution of weasel or raccoon trapping starter kits (all times approximate). All presenters will emphasize safety, legal and humane trapping methods, and practicing sportsmanship in the outdoors.

Many other educational activities will be going on throughout the workshop, such as fur identification game, skull identification, prizes, bucket raffles, and the chance for all persons new to the sport to mingle and visit with the veteran trappers who put this event on. All are very willing to share methods and tips with the beginners.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to sign up for the next Trapper Education Class, and to become a member of U.P. Trappers



A large crowd of children lines up for a past "Weasel Box Giveaway" as Jim Fornetti and his helpers prepare to hand out more than 100 weasel boxes — each containing a trap and other items useful for weasel trapping.

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Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

your 4-wheeler and pull it in off the lake. Problem solved!

As snow came and winter weather hit us in late October early November I figured the deer and other wildlife was really in for a long hard winter. So when we hit December and almost all the snow left and the weather was so nice for this time of year I figured the weather was really going to work out good for the wildlife. Surprise! Now with all the snow and the super cold weather we have had the last of January into February we are definitely back to square one where it could end up being a hard winter for the deer and other wildlife.

If you wonder just what it means to live in the U.P. and have your Yooper merit badge here is how to tell.

How to tell if you are really a Yooper:

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from September through May, you may live in Upper Michigan. If someone in a Menards store offers you assistance and they don't even work there, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you've worn shorts and a jacket at the same time, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number... you may live in Upper Michigan. If "vacation" means going anywhere North of Grand Rapids for the weekend, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you measure distance in hours, you may live in Upper Michigan.

If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you have switched from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you can drive 75 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without finching, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both doors unlocked, you may live in Upper Michigan.

If you carry jumpers in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, you may live in Upper Michigan. If the speed limit on the highway is 70 mph -you're going 80 and everybody is passing you, you may live in Upper Michigan. If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, you may live in Upper Michigan.

If you know all four seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car, you may live in Upper Michigan. If you find 10 degrees "a little chilly", you may live in Upper Michigan.

If you actually understand these jokes, repost this so all of your Michigan friends and others can see, you definitely do live - or have lived - in Upper Michigan. Life is still good so enjoy it.

From the Forester

Bill Cook

Too often, the biggest and best trees in a stand are selected. Foresters call this "high-grading" and shun the practice. Although, there's been many a forester who's pleased with this outcome.

Seventh, there exists a general consensus that cutting trees is bad. Conversely, there are many very good reasons to cut trees, and few bad ones. Cutting the wrong trees in the wrong place, in the wrong way, at the wrong time can, indeed, lead to negative consequences. Tree cutting and forest management done under the care of professional forester is a much different deal.

Eighth, going "paperless" is not environmentally sound nor is it a "green" practice. Using wood-based products, including paper, actually has many environmental benefits. Wood, as a raw material, is the most environmentally-friendly choice available.

Ninth, forests and forestry are not as simple or straightforward as the point made by Hans Christian Andersen: However, the idea of the "emperor's new clothes" has a strong influence on the care and treatment of our forests and, perhaps, other natural resources. It may be rewarding to endorse socially-acceptable beliefs about our forests. However, caution is warranted, lest we find ourselves naked.

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Friday, June 14 Manistique Rec. Board Scramble
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Wednesday, July 10 State Savings Bank 2-Woman Friday, July 12 Rotary Scramble
Saturday, July 13 Class of 1969 Reunion
Friday, Aug. 2 Rotary Scramble
Saturday, Aug. 10 Elks Golf Scramble
Saturday, Aug. 10 Class of 1999 Reunion
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Geminis, normally you are carefree, carefree and weigh things carefully. However, this week your other side takes over and you are apt to be a little more spontaneous.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancel, there is only so much time to learn something new at work and you may be worried a bit. Someone will talk you through, and you'll find your way.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if life seems a little more hectic these days, you may be taking on too many responsibilities. Lighten the load and focus on what matters most.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
It can be challenging to wrap your head around certain goals, Virgo. However, you will manage to pick and choose those tasks that are most important and get things done.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you may be compelled to be introspective this week. Use this time to reflect and explore all the reasons why you typically enjoy being an extrovert.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
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Editor's note: The following submission represents the personal opinions of the author and should not be used to characterize the opinions of the Pioneer Tribune.

If you are the mother or father of a high school athlete here in Michigan, this message is primarily for you.

When you attend an athletic event that involves your son or daughter, cheer to your heart's content, enjoy the camaraderie that high school sports offer and have fun. But when it comes to verbally criticizing game officials or coaches, cool it.

Make no mistake about it. Your passion is admired, and your support of the hometown team is needed. But so is your self-control. Yelling, screaming and berating

the officials humiliates your child, annoys those sitting around you, embarrasses your child's school and is the primary reason Michigan has an alarming shortage of high school officials.

It's true. According to a recent survey by the National Association of Sports Officials, more than 75 percent of all high school officials say "adult behavior" is the primary reason they quit. And 89 percent of all young officials hang up their stripes after just two years of whistle blowing. Why? They don't need your abuse.

Plus, there's a ripple effect. There are more officials over 60 than under 30 in many areas. And as older, experienced officials re-

tire, there aren't enough younger ones to replace them. If there are no officials, there are no games. The shortage of registered high school officials is severe enough in some areas that athletic events are being postponed or cancelled—especially at the freshman and junior varsity levels.

Research confirms that participation in high school sports and activities instills a sense of pride in school and community, teaches lifelong lessons like the value of teamwork and self-discipline and facilitates the physical and emotional development of those who participate. So, if the games go away because there aren't enough men and women to officiate them,

the loss will be infinitely greater than just an "L" on the scoreboard. It will be putting a dent in our community's future.

If you would like to be a part of the solution to the shortage of high school officials, you can sign up to become an MHSAA-registered official on the "Officials" page at www.mhsaa.com. Otherwise, adult role models at high school athletic events here in Michigan are always welcome.

By Karissa Niehoff, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Mark Uyl, executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association

Opinion Editorial

Super Bowl Sunday

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New England Patriots vs. Los Angeles Rams

Trivia

1. Which team has played in four Super Bowls but has never led at any point during the game?
2. What is the name of the trophy for the winner of the Super Bowl?
3. Which player has won the Super Bowl MVP three times?
4. If the Super Bowl is the 2nd most watched sporting event, what is the most watched sporting event every year?
5. What company pays the MVP of the Super Bowl every year to sponsor their business?
6. Which team was the first team to win 5 Super Bowls?
7. Which team won the first Super Bowl?
8. What current NFL team has never played in a Super Bowl? (There is 4 of them... can you name all 4?)

Answers are listed below

Fun Facts

- 8 million pounds of guacamole is consumed on Super Bowl Sunday
- 14,500 tons of chips are eaten along with that guacamole
- Of the top 10 most watched American television programs of all time, nine of them are Super Bowls
- The Super Bowl is measured in Roman numerals because a football season runs over two calendar years
- Over 700,000 footballs are produced annually for official NFL use and 72 of them are used for the Super Bowl
- It is the 2nd most watched sporting event in the world. More than 100 million people worldwide watch the Super Bowl every year. In fact, Super Bowl XLIV in 2010 surpassed MATS's series finale as the most watched show in television history with over 106.5 million watchers.
- The average cost of a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl has ranged from \$37,500 at Super Bowl I, to around \$2.2 million at Super Bowl XXXIV in 2000, and by Super Bowl XLIX in 2015, had doubled to around \$4.5 million.
- In 2017 a 30-second commercial reportedly cost between \$5 million and \$5.5 million.
- The NFL has a policy against holding Super Bowl games in stadiums that have a climate of less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, unless it is an enclosed stadium
- Super Bowl LI (50) - Atlanta Falcons vs. the New England Patriots was the most-watched sporting event in the U.S. history
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Trivia Answers

- (1) The Minnesota Vikings
- (2) The Vince Lombardi Trophy
- (3) Joe Montana
- (4) Soccer Champions League Final
- (5) Disneyland
- (6) The Pittsburgh Steelers
- (7) The Green Bay Packers
- (8) Detroit Lions, Houston Texans, Jacksonville Jaguars, and Cleveland Browns



WILL SHE OR WON'T SHE?

Courtesy photo

Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Groundhog Day is this Saturday. The odd, more than 130-year-old American tradition is observed annually on Feb. 2. The rodent is called upon to predict whether there will be six more weeks of winter or if an early spring is on its way. Here in Manistique, pillars of the community recently gathered at the town square in anticipation. Will "Aquta", the "Siren of the Point", see her shadow? Find out Saturday by visiting the Blue-Mystique Facebook page. From left to right are Eric Sherbinow, Liz Douglas, Nic Wheaton, and Bill Vandgriff.



Updated CWD website highlights ways the public can help

LANSING — Chronic wasting disease, whether you're talking about confirmed cases or just the threat of finding a CWD-positive deer, is a reality across much of the state's hunting landscape. Now that CWD—a fatal neurological disease that affects deer, elk and moose—is confirmed in nine Michigan counties, the DNR is working to build awareness among non-hunters, too.

The department recently overhauled its CWD website:

- Adding information for non-hunters, especially landowners and wildlife watchers, and elevating and expanding other information and resources that non-hunters

might be interested in, such as the wildlife observation tool to report a sick deer, signs and symptoms, and maps showing CWD distribution and testing results.

- Expanding and organizing FAQs to make it easier for people to sort and find information relevant to them.
- Rearranging website content based on what people most often searched for on the site.

DNR Marketing and Outreach Chief Kristin Phillips said the website's new look is an important part of the department's effort to reach more people with the message that, when it comes to CWD, everyone's

actions matter.

"Our goal is to extend the CWD conversation to as many Michigan residents as possible," Phillips said. "If you're a hunter, talk to more hunters about CWD. Even if you're not a hunter, chances are you know people who do hunt or who just like to get out into the woods. Everyone needs to know

what CWD is and how they can help."

Hunters also should be aware that after Jan. 31, no baiting or feeding will be allowed in the Lower Peninsula.

For more information on chronic wasting disease regulations, testing and other topics, visit Michigan.gov/CWD.

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