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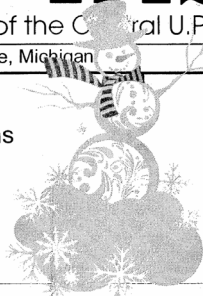
Swim team competes at UP Finals



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Manistique SnoFest returns Saturday

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Fundraiser set for 18U team

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City, DDA give update on projects, goals

Joint session ends with plenty of goals, plans of action

MANISTIQUE – The city of Manistique will be bustling again this year and in years to come, thanks to the many projects and goals of both the Manistique City Council and Manistique Downtown Development Authority. The two met for their annual joint session recently to discuss their projects for 2019, as well as their short and long term goals for the future.

First up was the DDA, which discussed the upcoming marina project, the completion of a non-motorized loop, and possible expansion of the Manistique Lakeshore Campground.

According to the Kevin Trevillion of Coleman Engineering, the city's retained engineering firm, the DDA recently secured funding for the third phase of the Manistique Marina project.

"We did have to make some fairly significant changes to the project in order to make it affordable," he explained. "When we first started down that path, I was worried that the effects would be pretty catastrophic and they're not."

The changes made include a slight reduction in the number of boat slips

available and the removal of the existing bin wall structure will no longer take place.

"The bin wall is going to have to stay in place now, and they're going to build a new sheet pile wall outside of that," said Scott Nowack, also with Coleman Engineering. "It will look the same as the broadside docking that was done in 2013, but it's going to actually be built into the water about a foot and a half as compared to the existing bin walls."

Currently, there are 19 boat slips in the marina and the original plan had been to expand that to 23.

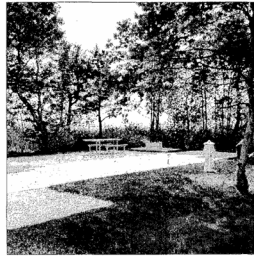
"Due to money issues, we actually cut it back to 19," Nowack said. "It is, at least, the same number of slips going back in that you have today."

Additionally, the creation of a boulevard entrance into the marina was delayed and the project will no longer include dredging of the marina proper.

"That (dredging) was a really big cut right in the beginning we had to take," Nowack said. "The dredging in the marina (is) not necessary today ... with

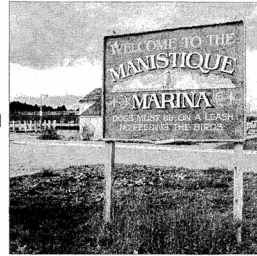
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Manistique Lakeshore Campground

Plans to acquire land west of the campground for expansion purposes are underway.



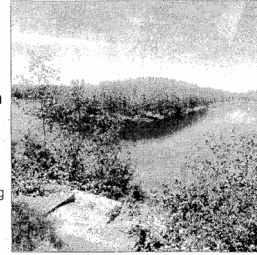
Manistique Marina

The third phase of the Manistique Marina project will begin this spring. Work will continue through summer.



Blanchard Paul Bunyan Park

The small park adjacent to the Habitat for Humanity building will see big updates in 2020.



Walk Manistique Riverside Pathway

In 2020, the first section of pathway will jump to these islands from under the Manistique River Bridge.

Events

Feb. 21 – Annual Hot Dog Roast, Manistique Senior Center, 4 p.m.

Feb. 22, 23, 24 – Open skate, Little Bear West Arena, Friday and Saturday 6-9 p.m., Sunday 5-8 p.m.

Feb. 25, 27 – Open swim, Manistique Middle and High School pool, 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 23 – SnoFest Frosty 5K Run/Walk, Manistique Central Park, registration 9 a.m., race at 10 a.m.

Feb. 23 – SnoFest Little Jiggers Ice Fishing Derby, Manistique Central Park, registration 9 a.m., fishing 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Feb. 24 – Manistique Hockey Association's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the State Savings Bank 18U team, St. Francis de Sales School, 4-7 p.m.

March 2 – Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632 Chili Cook-off, Manistique Elks Lodge, 5 p.m.

March 8 – CBC Celebrity Banting and Auction, Marley's Bar and Grill, 6 p.m.

March 9 – CBC Basketball Tournament, Manistique Middle and High School and Emerald Elementary gymnasiums

March 9 – Roaring 20s Dinner Dance, hosted by the Manistique Women's Club, at the Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632, 7 p.m.

March 17 – Soup Luncheon for the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter, Manistique Senior Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

SnoFest set to return this weekend with race, fishing

Frosty 5K, Little Jiggers, free skate part of annual event

MANISTIQUE – There's plenty of snow, so be sure to head outside for the Manistique Recreation Department's SnoFest 2019. The event is scheduled to take place Feb. 23 in Manistique's Central Park.

This year's SnoFest includes a Frosty 5K Road Race and Walk, Little Jiggers

Kids' Ice Fishing Derby, and a free ice skate at the Little Bear West Arena.

SnoFest kicks off with the Frosty 5K Road Race and Walk at 10 a.m. Registration takes place at 9 a.m. at Manistique Community Center in Central Park. Each participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt and medal, as well as refreshments following the event.

Frosty 5K Road Race and Walk registration forms are available at Manistique City Hall, www.cityofmanistique.org or on

the Manistique Recreation Department's Facebook page. Members of the Upper Peninsula Road Runners Club receive \$3 off the \$30 registration fee.

Registration for the Little Jiggers Kids' Fishing Derby also begins at 9 a.m. Participants of the derby pay \$5 per hole, with fishing set to take place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

SnoFest

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News Brief

Volleyball tournament now part of CBC list of events

MANISTIQUE – Another event has been added to the CBC Fund Drive line-up. The annual CBC Volleyball Tournament will take place April 14 in the Manistique High School gym.

The tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$100 per team, with a limit of 10 teams for the tournament. Teams must sign up before March 31 by calling (906) 450-1323. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place.

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

EDC members express concern about newly formed commissioner committee

Chairperson admits county 'exploring' city collaboration

MANISTIQUE – Just months after a rift with the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation, the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners is seemingly at odds with the organization once again. Concerns of the EDC were raised during a recent board of commissioners meeting.

Since 2017, the functions, and most of the members, of the Manistique Merchants Association, Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce, and Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corporation were moved under the auspices of the

Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce group. EDC Director Alan Barr serves as the director and CEO of STC – a merger group he first pitched to the county commissioners in late 2016.

Since that time, the STC group has created bylaws, a board of directors, committees, and explored the possible dissolution of the EDC. The group had expressed hopes to better serve the area by combining the administrative duties, expenses, and operations of multiple organizations in order to reduce an overlap in services.

Then, in September 2018, commissioners sent, and later rescinded, a letter to the EDC from the county's attorney, Foster, Swift, Collins, and Smith, P.C. The letter had expressed concern that the EDC had been, among other accusations, operating

outside the scope of its statutory authority. Commissioner Craig Reiter said, at that time, that the EDC could not be dissolved and fused with the STC group.

However, following the resignation of the majority of the EDC board, commissioners retracted the letter and had appeared to put forth an effort to repair the relationship between the EDC and commissioners.

However, during the public comment portion of last week's meeting, Alan Barr said he was recently contacted by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"They've essentially told me that the county and the city are working to create a new economic development organization in addition to what we already have," he said. "I'm wondering – is there any truth

to this? And how and why you would want to do this when we already have one. It seems puzzling.

How would this competing economic development organization would serve the county as a whole, also is a little puzzling," Barr continued. "We have an existing organization that has been, essentially, non-supported – for budget reasons, obviously, but non-supported. And so, with support and funding of the organization we have, it will do even more for the community than it already has."

David Muxlow, an EDC board member, also spoke about the possible formation of

EDC concern

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Elks lodge plans annual Chili Cook-Off, details contributions

MANISTIQUE — The Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632 is hosting its ninth annual Chili Cook-Off March 2. The event will benefit the Elks National Foundation and is the only fundraising effort for the ENF locally outside of membership donations.

The public is welcome to participate or simply attend for chili tasting and other fun. There will be awards for first, second, and third places, as well as a People's Choice Award.

No registration is necessary — to enter a chili, drop it off to the Elks Lodge dining room between 4:30-5:30 p.m. on March 2. Attendees pay \$8 for chili tasting. Chili Cook-Off participants attend

for free.

Judging will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with People's Choice Award voting opening at 6:30 p.m. Awards will be announced at 8:15 p.m.

The event also includes a silent auction, 50/50 and meat tray raffles, a Mason jar gift certificates drawing, guess-the-amount coin jar, and more.

For every dollar donated to the ENF, the local Elks can receive a minimum of \$2 back in grant funding. Since the Chili Cook-Off started nine years ago, Elks Lodge has been, with added donations from its membership, able to meet and exceed the per capita donation needed for their ENF contribution

goal.

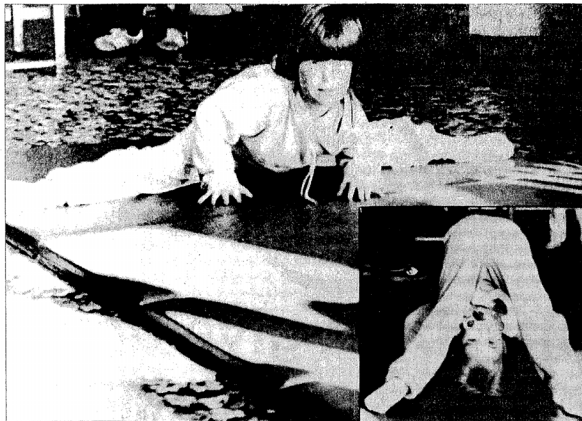
This has allowed the Manistique Elks to successfully write grants for ENF funding to support the community. The Elks National Foundation has been increasing the award amounts for each of these grants each year.

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. Elks fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where they live and work.

The Elks members strive to provide youth with healthy beginnings; honor the Elks pledge to

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Flashback



FLIP FOR gymnastics

Pioneer Tribune Archive photo
From the Feb. 23, 1984 edition, 4-H gymnasts spent Saturday learning new routines at a workshop held at the Ramada Inn. Molly Faulkner demonstrates the splits, while Brook Bowman, one of the youngest participants, shows how to do a somersault.

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune

50 years ago

February 20, 1969

The official move to the new Lakeside School isn't scheduled until a week from Friday, but 40 kindergartners in Mrs. Victor Haas' classes enjoyed a sneak preview last Friday on election day. Their regular classroom in the old school was being used for a polling place, so the students gained the honor of being the first students to occupy the new building. The first student to officially enter the new school was Cassandra Jernudd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jernudd, 228 Maple Ave. Other students in the morning and afternoon classes included Kevin Arnold, Alfred Burns, Ann Marie Boudreau, Linda Burns, Linda Burns, Beth Cayia, Karen Glidden, Donald Hoholik, Leo McNamara, Lori Olson, Jeffrey Pawley, Randy Peterson, Terri Price, Deborah Reid, Kevin Rossier, John Setterlund, Mitchell Varum, Kim Wilkes, Julie Whitcomb, Marsha Anderson, Carl Belleville, David Bertrand, Peggy Braun, Marsha Cheney, Robert Corwin, Katherine Doane, Samuel DuFour, Cindy Hastings, Sherri Jenerou, Robin LaFleur, Winnifred McNally, Randy Meadow, Gregory Putvin, Judy Redeker, John Rehn, Robert Schwartz, Joseph Vaughn, Martin Wuehle and Scott Walters.

Vernon Lloyd has been named as president of the newly-organized Gemfask Senior Citizens Club. A group of 25 persons met last Thursday to organize the group.

Also elected were George Rojem, vice president; Mrs. Jean Lusilla, secretary; and Mrs. Thurman Skarritt, Sr., treasurer. Committees have been appointed and the group will meet the second Thursday of the month in Gemfask and the fourth Thursday of the month in Seney. The meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. Leonard Shay has offered the use of a building located behind the Community Action Agency for a Drop-In Center, and it will be made ready in the near future.

Quotas totaling \$6,000 have been assigned for the planned CBC Fund Drive in Schoolcraft County. The unified drive, to be highlighted with a six-hour radiothon on WTQJ on Palm Sunday, will benefit the American Cancer Society, the Bay Cliff Health Camp, and the local Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Quotas approved at a meeting of the CBC steering committee Monday night include \$2,100 for the Cancer Society, \$2,400 for Bay Cliff and \$1,500 for Crippled Children and Adults.

Several Boy Scouts from Troop 402 of Manistique participated in a deer feeding project north of Manistique along the Manistique River last Saturday. The Scouts, under the guidance of Ray Salo, game biologist for the Department of Natural Resources, aided in the project by bringing browse for several hungry deer which are yarded in this area. Troop 402 plans another project of this nature as long as the need exists.

35 years ago

February 23, 1984

A report on the layoff of eight nursing staff employees was presented to the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees at their regular meeting last Wednesday night. Administrator David Jahn said a low patient census caused the layoffs, and said that six more staff employees would be furloughed effective Feb. 25. Currently the hospital employs more than 50 persons on its nursing staff. Plans to eliminate the employee evening meal window, which serves about 15 people, were also reviewed. Jahn said he was studying plans to install vending machines and a microwave oven for employee use. The move would reduce food service employee hours in the evening.

The future of the Schoolcraft County Transit System will be on the line Monday at 4:30 p.m. when the county's Transit Board meets at the Senior Citizen Center in

Manistique. County Commissioners examined the options for the system at length during their regular meeting Tuesday night before deciding to file the issue back to the Transit Advisory Board for recommendations. Three options came in for discussion Tuesday night. They include continued operation by the county, despite the fact that the operation is currently showing an \$11,000 deficit; seeking bids from a private contractor to operate the system, or turning the operation over to the Community Action Agency. Director Diane McClelland had indicated several weeks ago that she intended to resign, but would await a decision on the future of the system.

Manistique Kiwanis President John Stapleton was happy to sign a \$500 check this week as the club moved to assist the Manistique Youth Baseball Association and the Little League program. Accepting the check were Doug Erickson and Joe Rivard.

20 years ago

February 25, 1999

After seeking compliance for 30 years, the State of Michigan has dropped its lawsuit against Schoolcraft County Jail, county commissioners recently announced. The issue was discussed at the Schoolcraft County Board's Feb. 11 audit-finance committee meeting. Commissioner Kim Mercier-Mosley said County Prosecutor Peter Hollenbeck was informed Feb. 9 that the county jail is compliant with state Department of Corrections guidelines regarding staffing. The state filed a lawsuit against the county last fall after seeking — for nearly 30 years — to have one guard on duty at all times for each floor of the two-story jail. Commissioners hired two new sheriff's

deputies in January to help the jail comply with the state guidelines and to make sure the jail would not be closed by state officials.

Big Bay de Noc Principal Lee Potvin will retire at the end of the 1998-99 school year after the district's Board of Education accepted his retirement at its Feb. 8 meeting. The board accepted with regret Potvin's letter of retirement. His official last day will be June 22. Potvin has worked at Big Bay de Noc School for 22 years, 11 of those as principal, Superintendent William Pistulka said. "He's really been a pillar for the school and local community," Pistulka said of Potvin. The board plans to post the position in April, after it determines what the position will be.

10 years ago

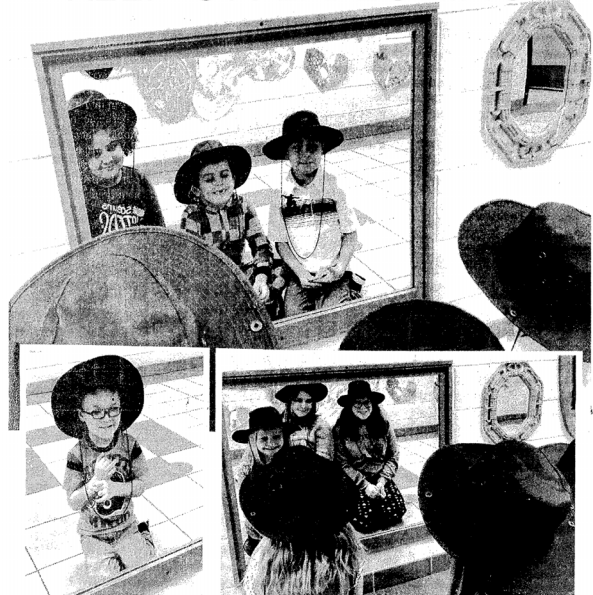
February 19, 2009

For the first time ever, and ice-fishing tournament will be held on Quarry Lake at Manistique's Central Park recreation facility. The Little Juggers Kids' Fishing Derby, for children 16 and under, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21. The event will raise money to cover cost overruns on the first phase of Central Park construction and to generate some of the local matching funds required for an expected phase-two grant application.

The Emerald City Cut Ups, which makes quilts and donates them to various organizations, has been busy "cutting up" again. Members presented one of their creations to

Kayla West, executive director of the Central Upper Peninsula chapter of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross will use the quilt to raise money through a raffle, slated to get underway soon. Tickets will be available at Emerald City Espresso, the headquarters of the quilting group. The quilt is not the only donation received recently by the Red Cross, which operates a Disaster Action Team in Schoolcraft County. A monetary contribution was received from Edison Sault Electric Company as well. Yelda Wheatley, a member of the Emerald City Cut Ups who also happens to be co-leader of the DAT, says they couldn't serve the community as well as they do without that kind of support.

KEEP ON EXPLORING



Emerald Elementary Exceptional Explorers for the week of Feb. 11 were, at top, from left to right: Tearsa Baynton, second grade; Rodney Schunor, first grade; and Hunter St. John, kindergarten. Above, right: Kendyl Flodin, third grade; Jayda White, fourth grade; and Natalie Gauthier, fifth grade. Above, left: Karsyn Drouin, preschool.

Courtesy photos

UPPCO unveils plan to achieve 56 percent renewable energy by 2022

MARQUETTE — Upper Peninsula Power Company has filed its Integrated Resource Plan with the Michigan Public Service Commission. An IRP is a comprehensive plan developed by an electric utility that outlines its future resource strategy — how the electric utility will provide reliable, cost effective electric service to its customers while addressing the risks and uncertainties inherent in the utility industry.

"As an industry leader, UPPCO is proud to announce that 56 percent of its energy will be sourced from renewable solar and hydroelectric resources by the year 2022," said Jim Larsen, UPPCO CEO. "Our plan calls for construction of 125 megawatts of new utility scale solar, 20 megawatts of new natural gas fired Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine generation and continued

reliance on the company's existing hydrogeneration assets. This balanced portfolio will, on average, save our customers \$1 Million per year in power supply costs through the year 2047 while providing immeasurable reliability benefits to the grid."

Under the IRP, nearly 2/3 of UPPCO's power supply portfolio will be hedged against the price volatility typically seen in the wholesale markets to ensure long-term price stability for its customers. UPPCO plans to enter into a long-term Purchased Power Agreement with an independent developer for construction of the new solar plant. UPPCO is reporting the cost for new solar is fixed over the term of the contract, providing price stability for many years to come. The terms of the PPA have not been disclosed at this time.

"Our IRP presents the company's proposal for meeting the future energy needs of our customers," said Brett French, vice president of Business Development and Communications for the company. "It reflects the feedback and input we received from our customers and stakeholders during 18 months of intensive engineering study and economic evaluation. The total cost of the proposed new generation is lower than the price we are paying today in the wholesale energy market. The IRP capitalizes on considerable technological advancements, reductions in construction costs, and the savings realized when building a larger, utility scale facility. These attributes square nicely with the feedback we

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News Briefs

SCD announces college scholarship availability

MANISTIQUE — Two \$500 college scholarships are being offered by the Schoolcraft Conservation District. The scholarships are for students who will pursue a certificate, associate's, or bachelor's degree in a natural resources field in the fall of 2019.

Applications will be accepted from seniors attending Manistique High School, Jack Reque Alternative School, and Big Bay de Noc School. Students who reside in Schoolcraft County but attend a different school are also eligible to apply.

Applications must be postmarked by April 3 or turned into the respective school offices by that date. Winners will be announced in mid-May.

Applications are available through the above school offices, online at www.schoolcraftcd.org, on Facebook @schoolcraftconservationdistrict or by contacting the SCD office at 341-8215.

One of the goals of the SCD is to encourage local students to consider careers in natural resources. In addition to these college scholarships, the SCD is offering scholarship help for students to attend one of two career exploration camps held this June in Roscommon, Mich. (correct application deadline is March 15) and Eagle River, Wis. (application deadline April 12).

Links to the camp websites are available on the SCD website and Facebook page listed above.

Fundraiser planned for Bay's Norse Athletics

ESCANABA — Norse Athletics has released information on their fundraiser scheduled for March 1, 2019. A steak dinner and auction will be held and all proceeds will benefit the athletics program at Bay College.

The steak dinner will be held at the Terrace Bay Hotel. A social hour is scheduled from 5-6 p.m., with dinner being served at 6 p.m.

The meal will include a plated steak dinner, mixed greens, salad and dressings, potato, dinner rolls, and chocolate mousse. A silent

auction is also planned for the event, and will include items from all of the athletic teams and local businesses. Live music will end the evening.

A 10 percent discount is being offered to anyone wishing to enjoy an overnight stay after the event. Tickets are on sale now in the Bay College ticket office, and are \$60 per person.

Anyone interested can call (906) 217-4062 to purchase a ticket, or contact any athlete or coach for more information.

Chili cook-off

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never forget veterans; and help the state Elks associations accomplish charitable objectives and fund projects to improve quality of life in local Elks communities.

Donations to the ENF help fund programs that match Elks' cornerstone values—knowledge, integrity and community.

Locally, the ENF offers competitive college scholarships for students of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service, \$500; gift cards for veterans, \$500; sponsor participants in Sault Tribe Junior Police Academy, \$500; Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department CareTrak Program, \$500; Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department equipment, \$500; Manistique Department of Public Safety drug dog, \$500; Manistique High School softball program, \$400.

UPPCO

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received from our customers and stakeholders — they want renewable energy and lower, stable pricing. The IRP also expands upon our Energy Waste Reduction program to save our customers even more on their energy bills."

The Michigan Public Service Commission must now determine if UPPCO's IRP is the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting its customers energy and capacity needs by considering whether the plan appropriately balances a variety of factors. The MPSC is expected to take up to a year to evaluate UPPCO's plan and issue its final Order in the case.

For more information on UPPCO and its IRP, visit www.uppco.com.



ROOF WOES

Courtesy photo

If you've noticed more residents than usual venturing onto their roofs to shovel snow, the adjacent picture may have something to do with it. Recently, the above-average snow accumulation caused a portion of the Ben Franklin store's roof to collapse. The collapse occurred sometime Feb. 13, and the store owners were alerted by the Manistique Public Safety Department. Despite barricades in place to assist in roof snow removal, the store remains open for business and also has an entryway in the back of the building. According to the National Weather Service — Marquette, there has been 20-50 inches of snow accumulation across Schoolcraft County this winter. More snow accumulation was expected Wednesday night into today (Thursday).

MSU Extension offering quarterly personal development programming for residents

MANISTIQUE — Michigan State University Extension will be offering their social-emotional health programming at the Manistique High School on a quarterly basis on Mondays starting March 4, from 3:30-5 p.m. Their Winter Series program being offered is a five-session series entitled RELAX: Alternatives to Anger.

The health programs are for teens, adults and seniors interested in learning how to better manage their emotions and stress.

Through discussion and skill-building activities, participants will explore what anger is and what triggers it. This interactive program teaches participants techniques for calming down and de-stressing, the principles of problem solving, effective communication skills, and ways to forgive and let go of the past.

The remainder of the quarterly sessions will consist of three series: RELAX: Alternatives to Anger,

Stress Less with Mindfulness and Nurturing Families.

Stress Less with Mindfulness is a series that is an introduction to the practice of mindfulness to reduce stress. Participants focus on increased flexibility, alternative methods of relating in everyday life experiences, and self-care skills to feel better and find more enjoyment in life.

Nurturing Families is an evidence-based series designed to help parents and caregivers strengthen and build parenting skills that promote positive family relationships. Participants learn what it means to be nurturing, methods to handle stress and anger, child growth and development, and brain development of children and teens.

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The Schoolcraft Conservation District invites you to join us for our 54th Annual Meeting and Dinner **Monday, March 11** at the First Baptist Church on Walnut St.

Doors Open at 5:30 pm • Dinner at 6:30 pm • Silent Auction All Evening

Catered by Upper Crust Bakery & Deli — Tickets \$13.50 per person. Enjoy homemade lasagna, chicken marsala, fresh garden salad, green beans, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee and lemonade.

A brief business meeting will be held to elect directors, as well as a presentation on "The State of the Conservation District" Guest speaker will be Mr. Bill Ganzhaf "A Young Forester Comes to Manistique in 1922"

RSVP or obtain tickets by calling 341-8165 or emailing them at schoolcraftcd@macd.org. Tickets can also be picked up at the District Office between the hours of 9am-3 pm Mon - Thur.

Also available will be catalogs and order forms for the Districts 2019 Spring Tree Sale.

300 Walnut St., Rm 216, Manistique • (906) 341-8215

MANISTIQUE ELKS

9th Annual

Chili COOK-OFF

March 2

Manistique Elks Lodge

\$8/Person
Chili Contributions Free

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Proceeds benefit Elks National Foundation. This fund is returned to our community in the form of local college scholarships, Bay Cliff, Elks National Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, the Elks National Veterans Service Program and Elks Community Investment Program.

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THIS FRIDAY!

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ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN CASH
OR JUST ATTEND THE GAME AND WE'LL DONATE \$1!

The Grind
COFFEE HOUSE

Limestone Federal Credit Union is donating \$1.00 for each person in attendance at the MHS Girls Varsity Basketball Game on Friday, February 23rd! The funds will be split with 50% going to The Grind Coffee House and 50% going to the participants who make a half-court basketball shot. Additionally, we also have a 17 and under category, where the winner will receive a \$40 Visa card!

Sign up at the LFCU Booth by THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Schoolcraft County Transit Authority
PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL APPLICATION FOR
OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that Schoolcraft County Transit Authority has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2020 as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

Schoolcraft County Transit Authority is requesting a total of \$1,329,820 through the following funding sources:

Funding Sources	Operating Amount	Capital Amount Per Project	Total Amount
State Formula Operating	\$323,993		\$323,993
Federal Operating	\$153,202		\$153,202
Federal/State Capital		\$348,750 - Facility Expansion \$453,000 - 5 Vehicles \$50,875 - Addition - Wash / Maintenance Bay	
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			\$1,329,820

Delta Area Transit Authority ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information regarding our Title VI obligations or to file a complaint please contact us at the address given below.

The proposed application is on file at Schoolcraft County Transit Authority, 335N E Rd, Manistique, MI 49854 and may be reviewed during a 30 day period February 25th, 2019 through March 24th, 2019 - between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by March 24th. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be sent to Schoolcraft County Transit Authority, 335N E Rd, Manistique, MI 49854 or via email to director@sctransit.org.

Obituaries

William A. Guilmette

MANISTIQUE — William Anthony Guilmette, 56, passed away Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, at home in Manistique, Mich., with loved ones by his side.

He was born Aug. 21, 1962, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the son of David and Mary (Bruns) Guilmette. On June 8, 1995, William married the love of his life, Angelie Shampine in Manistique and there, they began their family.

Bill worked for many years doing construction, maintenance, and many other odd jobs.

He loved fishing, the outdoors, and listening to music while drinking a cold one. But nothing compared to the love he had for his grandchildren. If they were around, he was the happiest of men. He will be forever in our hearts, always on our minds.

William is survived by his

wife, Angie; daughter, Samantha (Tyler) Wood of Manistique; son, Michael Guilmette (Britany Hepfer) of Manistique; sisters, Leona (Craig) Lambert of Manistique, Marcy Gravelle of Truth or Consequence, N.M. and Debbie Guilmette of Weiser, Idaho; brothers, James Guilmette of Weiser and David Guilmette of Garden City, Idaho; grandchildren, Clarissa and Cassidy Wood, Mason Guilmette, Ashlin Shampine; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and mother-in-law, Ann Guilmette.

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.



William A. Guilmette



We are the Olympians (of Big Bay)

Courtesy photos

Big Bay de Noc School students, under the guidance of Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Novak, recently participated in the Science Olympiad events at Northern Michigan University. Placing third in "Herpetology" were Macy Peterson and Casey Gembel (at left, middle). Placing second in "Write it! Do it!" were Emily Riddle and Kaitlyn Massengill (at left, top). Third place in the "Fossils" category were Angus McPhee and Aidan Schade (pictured at left, bottom). Above, from front to back, included: Brayden Ansell, Daimon Williams, Lexi Double, Alix Bleau, Macy Peterson, Lila Morris, Ellie Nededeau, Carter Frazer, Rylie Lawrence, Piper Jones, Emily Riddle, Kaitlyn Massengill, Aidan Schade, Angus McPhee, Mrs. Novak, Casey Gembel, Caleb Jasmin, and Mrs. Meyer.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019
 7:15 a.m., motorist assist, U.S. 2/Veteran's Drive.
 9:53 a.m., NSF check, E. Lakeshore Drive.
 4:33 p.m., disturbing the peace, Deer/N. Third Street.
 4:58 p.m., N. Second Street.
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019
 8:55 a.m., verbal dispute, N. Maple Street.
 1:53 p.m. abandoned vehicle, Deer Street.
 2:46 p.m., lock out, N. Third Street.
 7:90 p.m., safety hazard, S. Cedar Street.
Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019

9:15 a.m., safety issue, S. Cedar Street.
 9:52 a.m., well being check, Arbutus Avenue.
 1:00 p.m., burning complaint, Manistique Avenue.
 4:00 p.m., trespassing, E. Lakeshore Drive.
 8:27 p.m., lock out, Quarry Lane.
Friday, Feb. 15, 2019
 5:45 a.m., one car PDA, M-94.
 8:30 a.m., snow removal complaint, River Street.
 7:53 a.m., motorist assist, S. Third/Deer Street.
 9:10 a.m., snow removal violation, within the city.
 9:10 a.m., found property, within the city.

9:15 a.m., motorist assist, E. Elk Street.
 9:27 a.m. motorist assist, U.S. 2.
 9:38 a.m., citizen assist, U.S. 2/S. Cedar Street.
 1:50 p.m., road hazard, Lakeside Road.
 2:30 p.m., motorist assist, Fragale Road.
 2:40 p.m., credit card fraud, within the city.
 4:22 p.m., civil dispute, Park Avenue.
 5:48 p.m., unwanted subject, S. Fourth Street.
 6:32 p.m., possible water leak, municipal parking lot.
 8:00 p.m., snow removal complaint, Deer Street.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019
 9:18 a.m., BOL/5400-2, U.S. 2.
 12:05 p.m., gas line rupture, N. Fifth Street.
 2:19 a.m., citizen assist, Walnut Street.
Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019
 8:18 a.m., harassment, E. Lakeshore Drive.
 1:25 p.m., MIP alcohol, Lake Street.
 1:25 p.m., two car PDA, N. Cedar Street.
 9:50 p.m., well being check, municipal lot.
Monday, Feb. 18, 2019
 1:13 p.m., animal complaint, Arbutus Avenue.
 6:32 p.m., incorrigible youth, S. Mackinac Avenue.

Police Log

Manistique Public Safety Department

MSU programs

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Each series is \$25 per person and online registration is required to attend. To register for the winter series of RELAX: Alternatives to Anger series, visit events.anr.msu.edu/SchoolcraftWinterRELAX/.
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235-2985 or abram@msu.edu for more information or with registration difficulties.
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Lifestyles Briefs

Talent Show, hosted by the Careers in Education class, set for Feb. 28

MANISTIQUE — The Manistique Careers in Education Class is putting on its third annual Talent Show Feb. 28. The event takes place at the Manistique Middle and High School auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a variety of performances from all age groups.

Admission to the event is \$5 per person. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Pillar of Education in the We Organization. This pil-

lar aims to bring long-term, sustainable education opportunities to communities that need it most. The remainder of the money raised will help fund the CE class trip to the WE Day celebration in Chicago in May.

Women's Heart Health talk, hosted by GFWC, set to take place Feb. 25

MANISTIQUE — GFWC — Manistique, in coordination with the Michigan GFWC and the American Heart Association, has designated February as Women's Heart Health month.

Dr. Rudy Evonich III will present a free women's heart health talk Feb. 25. The event will take place at 7 p.m. inside the Comfort Inn conference room in Manistique. Evonich is the son of Rudy II and Terri Evonich of Manistique. He was born in Manistique in 1973

and graduated with honors from MHS in 1992.

In the fall of 1992, he attended Alma College and graduated from there in 1996. He went on to Medical School at Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine, graduating in 2000.

Evonich did his Residency at Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine from 2000-03. He then earned two fellowships at the William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Mich., specializing in

cardiovascular disease and clinical cardiac electrophysiology.

Evonich went on to work for Marquette General Hospital in 2007. He is now a practicing cardiologist as part of the UP Health System — Marquette.

Attend the presentation to learn the signs of heart disease, as well as prevention tips. The community is encouraged to attend.

Heart healthy refreshments will be served. For more information call 341-6701.

Northern Michigan University names student on fall 2018 dean's lists

MARQUETTE — Northern Michigan University has announced the students who made the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester. A total of 15 students from the local area were included on the list.

Earning a spot on the list with grade point averages of 4.0 were: Colton Richard of Garden; and Nicole Brock and Kelsey LaLonde of Manistique.

Students achieving grade point averages of 3.25 to 3.99 were Alex

Ranguette of Garden and Megan Annelin, Zachary Blaess, Kamryn Hoezee, Taylor Holmberg, Morgan Kangas, Syrae McDonald, Allie Nagy, Samantha Redman, Alexis Russell, Madison Russell, Rayna Sherbinow of Manistique.

Middle, high school releases honor roll

MANISTIQUE — Manistique Middle and High School recently released the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2018-19 school year.

Sixth grade all "A's" honor students were: Kaleb Baker, Kevin Baker, Nicholas Berendt, Bayleigh Buttermore, Jordan Carroll, Mia Chappell, Clara Cunningham, Mason Dimmer, Kamry Flodin, Madeline Frazer, Leah Goudreau, Carter LaVigne, Griffin Maline, Blake Mason, Alexis McDade, Brianna Tiglas, Calista Watchom, Cheyenne Williams, Bryson Wood, and JoLynn Zellar.

Sixth grade "A/B" honor students were: Donald Bellville, Dawson Bosanic, Kaden Bradley, Zachary Dechow, Nicholas Frankovich, Benjamin Gilroy, Ryker Goudreau, Aydin Haas, Kalle Hastings, Bryce LaMuh, Aleah Larsen, Bella Larsen, Grace Miller, Ryleigh Rice, Dennis Seeley, Madeline Silkworth, Alexia Stater, Masin Tryan, Jonathon Weber and Tyler Zimmel.

Students on the seventh grade all "A's" honor roll were: Mikayla Aldrich, Felicia Clifton, Wyatt Demers, Landon Dougherty, Parker Graphos, Austin Hinkson, Emma

Jones, Julietta Knight, Danielle Lund, Ryan McEvers, Alexander Noble, Nathan Schoenow, and Ella Schueter.

Included on the seventh grade A/B honor roll were: Aubrey Ekstrom, Garrett Frazer, Walker Gierke, Austin Hinkson, Mattisyn Hunkle, Olivia Mackie, Tamara Nadeau, Jayana Reque-Goudreau and Jacob Rivard.

All "A's" honor roll students in the eighth grade were: Bryce Blixt, Nora Cunningham, Erik Duff, Ariana Erbetta, Macy Green, Ava Hinkson, Angela Johnson, Madeline Maline, Grant Mason, Sarah McDaniel, Evan Middledorf,

Austin Mischel, Piper Morrison, Kelsey Muth, Carley Schoenow and Elmer Zellar.

Eighth grade "A/B" honor students were: Jacob Berry, Mykaella Bouchard, Dustin Brewster, Jr., Annabel Burnham, Dylan Carlson, Christian Carroll, Elizabeth Chappell, Clara Gilroy, Devin Hicks, Joshua Kozlowski, Jaden Krusie, Hope Mason, Carter Miller, Olivia Miller, Ross Pugh, Emily Thoe, Lorelei Vallier and Alex Ziemba.

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Claiming the Bert Gerber Trophy at the recent Klondike Derby was the Lumberjack Patrol. Members of the patrol are, from left to right in front: Griffin Maline, Kaleb Baker, and Share Wood. Back row: Landon Daugherty, DJ Belleville, and Grant Mason.

Scouts bring 'Bert Gerber' Trophy home

RAPID RIVER — Scouts from local Troop 400 recently participated in the Klondike Derby near Rapid River. Scouts from several troops across the southern central Upper Peninsula competed in a series of winter survival events.

One of Troop 400's patrols — the Lumberjacks — claimed first place, and in doing so, brought the Bert Gerber Traveling Trophy back to Manistique.

Gerber was a Michigan State Police Trooper, and a local Scoutmaster, in Manistique. Upon his passing in the 1960s, the Troops in the Red Buck District created a new trophy named after him that would go to the patrol that took first place in the annual Klondike Derby.

Members of the Lumberjack Patrol include: Landon Daugherty,

DJ Belleville, Grant Mason, Griffin Maline, Kaleb Baker and Share Wood.

"It's a special honor for us to bring this trophy back to young men who competed so hard to make this happen."

Manistique, the very place it originated," said Scoutmaster Alan Barr. "I'm so very proud of these young men who competed so hard to bring this trophy back to Manistique."

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Honor roll

Achieving a 4.0 or greater in the second quarter for the ninth grade were: Trevor Boswary, Avery Hubble, James Knight, Andon Rodman and Ella Santi.

Wegel. Achieving a 4.0 or better in the twelfth grade were: Katelyn Arnold, Melanie Jones, Sydnee Lawson, Lila MacKinnon, Kaitlyn MacPhail, Joslyn Math, Alex Oax...

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Catherine King, Alexandra Lakos, Jacob Maki, Darren McCaffrey, Giulia Rota and Zachary Tocmenzen.

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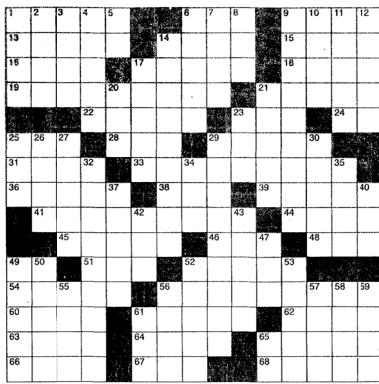
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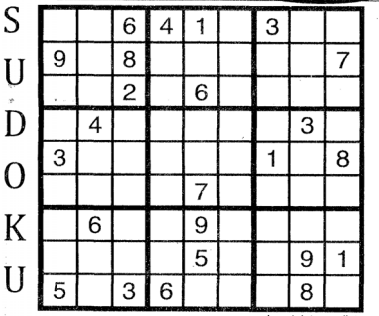
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Transportation Economic Development
Fund grant to target smaller cities, villages

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Transportation announced a new state Transportation Economic Development Fund category B, or the Community Infrastructure Fund, was established by the Legislature and signed into law at the end of 2018. The CIF provides grants to selected cities and villages with populations less than 10,000 for road improvements. Eligible projects include reconstruction, replacement, rehabilitation and capital preventive maintenance of city or village streets. The maximum annual grant is \$250,000. The requested grant amount must be matched at least equally by the requesting agency. The following guidelines apply: Geographic distribution will be used as one of the criteria for grant selection. Eligible agencies may apply for a grant in consecutive fiscal years. Grant applications for roadwork associated with other infrastructure projects, such as water and sewer projects, will be given additional consideration during review. However, the costs associated with the other infrastructure work are not eligible for Category B funding. Applications for projects that are multi-jurisdictional in nature, even if the other jurisdiction is not using or is eligible for Category B funding, will be given extra consideration during review. Applications for projects on roadways that are not eligible for funding through the Federal Highway Administration or TEDF Category D will be given additional consideration. Finally, for this round, additional consideration will be given to applications for projects that can be completed by the end of the 2019 construction season. In order to allow for grant recipients to better plan for projects associated with a grant, applications are now being accepted for Fiscal Year 2019 and FY 2020. Only one application will be accepted per agency; you may include up to five separate roadways on the application. The Category B application instructions and form are available at www.Michigan.gov/TEDF. Applications must be received by April 5, to be considered for funding.

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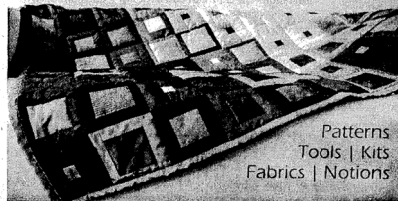
a new economic development corporation. Commissioner (Alan) Ott referenced he went to an economic development alliance meeting ... has that been public noticed? he said. "Is that organization ... already under way? ... When will the public be made aware of the fact that you're starting a new economic development organization?" Muxlow added he'd like to know more about the new organization, especially in light of the fact that the county is not currently financially supporting the existing EDC and working instead to "disband" it. Jennifer Watson, EDC chairperson, expanded on the conversation, noting that she had joined the EDC in 2016 and that its existence has been an "ongoing argument." "We continually hear that the city and county — specifically two city and county officials — are working together, working against us," she said. "We feel like we would at least deserve some explanation or clarification as to what's going on. It's a volunteer board (EDC) — we don't get paid as you do (com-

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missioners) to come to the meetings," Watson continued. "We work really hard and we don't expect certain officials to be working against us — all unbeknownst to us as well." Watson asked the board to either confirm or deny that the city and county are working together to create a new economic development corporation and was reminded by Reiter that commissioners do not need to respond to questions asked during the public comment portion of the meeting. "As the EDC chair, I am requesting, officially, information from both the city and the county to know if you are working on a competing organization," Watson said. "I think that's a fair question. I think that the current EDC board has worked really hard, and I don't think that, if you are, opting out of those discussions is appropriate." Commissioner Dan Hoholik stated that he had a public comment, noting that a committee was formed this year by Reiter. "All our committees provide the meeting minutes, so I would suggest that we should be all aware and get a copy of the minutes," he said. Reiter noted that he would make a copy of the committee minutes and confirmed that the committee was formed to "explore" economic development. When Watson asked if the current EDC would be invited to the committee meetings, Reiter again reminded her that commissioners do not need to answer questions during public comment. When asked by the Pioneer Tribune for a comment regarding the possible city and county collaborative effort, Reiter said the following: "We already have an economic development corporation. I will be going to the city council to discuss this topic in March." Manistique City Manager Sheila Aldrich confirmed Reiter would appear on a Manistique City Council agenda in March "to discuss economic development ideas with council." In other business, during the communications portion of the meeting, Reiter noted that the county had received a written communication from a law firm hired by a group of citizens regarding the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees appointee Russell Poole (see last week's "Group brings in law firm to address board appointment" in the Pioneer Tribune). "I don't really know what to do with this, so what I'm going to be doing is sending this off to the (Michigan) attorney general — this is a free service that we can use — and have them look at it and get an opinion," Reiter explained. "If this (letter) is correct, it's correct. If it's not, it's not. But we need to know, not so much for this case, but for any other appointments, to make sure that we do things correctly. As soon as we hear something, we will let the public know," he added.

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Rounding out the day of activities will be the free ice skate, sponsored by both the Manistique Kiwanis Club and YETI Key Club. The activity will run from 6-9 p.m. at the arena. Admission is free and ice skate rentals are available for \$2 per person. Concession will be available at an additional cost. For more information on the 2019 Manistique SnoFest, contact Manistique Recreation Director Ashley Roberson-Smith at (906) 286-0931 or email manistique@recreation@live.com.



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the water levels where they are.”
The project will, however, include an updated parking lot on the eastern half of the marina, new sidewalks, new electric and water service, lighting upgrades, and the installation of new, floating docks. The portion of the marina roadway that goes beyond parking lot will be removed and made into green space and new walkways and railings will be installed around the docks.

DDA member Dick Keteik noted that a longtime goal has been to establish a more defined walkway from U.S. Highway 2, through the marina, to the boardwalk. “We wanted to include a rather defined walkway across there to tie into the boardwalk,” he said. Nowack said the new walkways will accomplish that goal.

“The functionality of the marina will still be what we were shooting for,” Trevillian said. “Construction should start, hopefully, in April or as weather allows.” Since changes were made to the project scope, Trevillian explained the permit will need to be resubmitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Army Corps of Engineers.

“That might have an impact on the schedule – we’re hopeful not,” he said. “(The) project finally is moving forward and early this spring you should start to see some action down there.”

Nowack noted that most of work will be underway by June or July and carry through until the end of October. He added that this means the marina will be closed for the summer, including for Manistique’s Independence Day celebrations.

“The broadside docking will be open the whole time,” Nowack said, adding that broadside can accommodate an average of six to seven boats there.

Another DDA project in the works is the Walk Manistique Riverside Pathway, a non-motorized loop funded by a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant. The grant includes the first phase of the project, which would bring the existing boardwalk up Manistique River to the Siphon Bridge.

The city previously received three Michigan Department of Natural Resources land acquisition grants to purchase three parcels of land, including a Manistique River waterfront north lot, a Manistique River U.S. Hwy 2 lot, and a Manistique River waterfront Elk Street lot. The properties will join others the city acquired through DNR programs to eventually create a river walk and pathway that extends from the west end of the boardwalk, loops around the city, and ends back at the far east end of the boardwalk along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

The first phase of the multi-use trail will cost approximately \$400,000. That amount includes a \$104,000 match from the city. The match can be comprised of financial commitment, force account labor, and donated materials.

“Currently, the city is working under a grant ... to construct the first half of that,” Trevillian said. “With the water (levels) coming up some of our original plan for that pathway is presenting some challenges.”

He added that the pathway will not be constructed in 2019, instead work is scheduled to begin in 2020. Another DNR Trust Fund grant for up to \$300,000 will be sought this year to fund additional phases of the project, Trevillian explained.

The Strategic Alliance for Health, also responsible for the creation of the Manistique Farmers’ Market and other projects, has been spearheading the river walkway project for years. Other partners have included Manistique Area Schools, the Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft Health Department, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, Manistique Downtown Development Authority, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the city.

City Manager Sheila Aldrich pointed out that the SAH will be applying for a Patronicity grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to put toward the trust fund grant match.

“MEDC puts that grant out there on their website and it kind of acts like a ‘Go Fund Me’ and for every dollar that someone commits online, we get a dollar from MEDC,” she explained.

While discussing non-motorized transportation, Keteik asked whether a pathway was planned from the Manistique Lakeshore Campground to the U.S. Highway 2/Manistique River Bridge.

Manistique Department of Public Works Superintendent Nick Bosanic stated that he is currently working with the Michigan Department of Transportation on the matter.

“I can put it up, basically, to the clear vision right-of-way,” he said, adding that MDOT is restrictive with the matter, but he will continue to work on the issue.

Keteik then mentioned the Manistique Lakeshore Campground and the DDA’s interest in expanding it. “There’s another piece of property that’s available adjacent to the present campground,” he said. “We own where the campground is all the way over to U.S. 2, but there’s another chunk of property ... to the west. We’ve given some thought to applying for a grant to possibly acquire that property.”

Aldrich noted that the property consists of seven acres of land that could possibly be acquired using a DNR land acquisition grant.

“Those land acquisition grants you can only apply for once a year – April 1,” she explained. “If you apply for it and would decide that you didn’t want it after, you can always turn it down ... if the DDA were to apply for the grant for that property April 1 of this year, they wouldn’t know until late fall, anyway, whether it had been accepted.”

Keteik said he would recommend applying for a grant to acquire the total piece of property, as the DDA could negotiate a lesser amount of land, if needed.

Trevillian recommended maintaining contact with the current property owner, as the grant provides 75 percent funding with a required 25 percent match.

“With acquisition, at least the ones we’ve done in Manistique in the past, the property owners have been willing to donate 25 percent of the land value toward the project,” he explained. “That results in the city being able to acquire the property virtually for free, minus some smaller appraisal and environmental costs.”

Aldrich noted that the owner is expecting the DDA to apply for the acquisition grant.

“I think that we probably will see that same willingness to work with us,” she said.

The DDA members unanimously approved authorizing Coleman Engineering to apply for the land acquisition grant for acreage adjacent to the Manistique Lakeshore Campground.

From there, the DDA set its short and long term goals for the future.

The short term goals include: the land acquisition of property west of the Manistique Lakeshore Campground; acquiring the parcel of property near the Manistique Marina known as the Bud Martin property; update/maintain lighting in the DDA district; boardwalk repair and maintenance; creating a sidewalk from the Manistique Lakeshore Campground to downtown Manistique; paving the gravel area of the West Side Boat Launch and possibly acquiring the area from the state for use by the Manistique sewer plant as part of the Combined Sewer Overflow correction; and continuing the Walk Manistique Riverside Pathway project.

Long term DDA goals include: acquiring the parcel of property near the Manistique Marina known as the Bud Martin property; boardwalk repair and maintenance; creating a sidewalk from the Manistique Lakeshore Campground to downtown Manistique; paving the gravel area of the West Side Boat Launch and possibly acquiring the area from the state for use by the Manistique sewer plant as part of the Combined Sewer Overflow correction; maintenance on parking lots downtown; U.S. 2 water/sewer drainage; and Triangle

Park development.

During the Manistique City Council portion of the joint meeting, updates on city projects were also provided. According to Nowack, the Chippewa Avenue project is at the top of the list.

The repaving of the road, which stretches from Deer Street to U.S. Highway 2, is being funded with allocations from the Michigan Local Rural Transportation Program, established in 1987 under the Transportation Economic Development Fund Act. This Act recommended the creation of regional rural task forces to administer and fund rural transportation projects and programs in counties with populations of 400,000 or less. The Schoolcraft County Rural Task Force is comprised of the city, Schoolcraft County Transit Authority, and the Schoolcraft County Road Commission.

“Right now, we’re working toward an MDOT project ... for Chippewa Avenue from Elk to Otter streets,” Nowack said, adding that the sidewalks to be included in the project as well. “It’s more of a preventative maintenance-type project. It’s going to be about \$250,000, bid through the MDOT system – that’s an 80 percent match from MDOT. Which leaves 20 percent for the city.”

He noted the project would like be in construction around September or October of this year.

“We did have a meeting ... with UP Papers as part of the project and they have agreed, at least at this point, to rebuild their railroad crossing (on Chippewa Avenue) probably next year,” Nowack explained. “They (MDOT) estimate \$100,000-\$200,000 for that crossing (repair).”

Aldrich added that there is an MDOT grant available for that type of project and that the city has volunteered to assist UP Papers with the process.

Nowack went on to explain that construction on the other half of Chippewa Avenue – from Otter Street to U.S. Highway 2 – will begin in 2020. Aldrich noted that before the second half of the project commences, the city council will have to decide whether Chippewa Avenue should remain a four-lane road or be reduced to a three-lane road.

Another project the city has been planning is its 2019-20 Combined Sewer Overflow Project to eliminate the city’s combined sewer system, which allows a high snowmelt or significant rainfall to cause diluted sewage overflow on the way to the wastewater treatment plant. Currently, the CSO is approximately 65 percent complete, due to past infrastructure projects.

The upcoming project, in which the city is pursuing USDA – Rural Development funding up to \$6 million, will likely bring the city to 75 percent completion.

Areas that may be included are located on the east side of town: Arbutus Avenue; Cherry Street; Oak Street; Range Street; Park Avenue; Washington Avenue; Gero Avenue; Terrace Avenue; and Steuben

Street. Phase one of the project will include Arbutus Avenue, Oak Street, Cherry Street, and Gero Avenue. “That project progressing,” Nowack explained. “We would like to start that as early in the spring as we possibly can.”

He added that the project scope may need to be adjusted, as there is currently a volatility associated with construction costs across the nation. Depending on what the costs are at the time it is bid, the project may come in above or below the estimated cost.

The second phase of the CSO project is also in the works behind the scenes, Nowack said, adding that bids will go out for that portion of the project in spring 2020.

The development of the Blanchard Paul Bunyan Park is another city project underway. In January 2018, the Manistique Recreation Department was awarded a \$150,000 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to help fund the creation of the park, which will be located adjacent to the Habitat for Humanity – Hiawathaland building.

The grant award will assist in funding the development of the park’s pavilion, skate park, volleyball court, access paths, and site amenities. The park currently boasts swings, merry-go-rounds, a t-ball field, and benches – some of which will be removed.

The scope and cost estimates of the project includes: a skate park, \$50,000; fencing, \$30,000; picnic tables, \$3,000; a pavilion, \$50,000; volleyball court, \$5,000; benches, \$2,000; signage, \$5,000; lighting, \$30,000; ADA-approved access pathway, \$40,000; landscaping, \$13,000; \$30,000 playground equipment; and a security camera, \$2,000. Along with permit fees and engineering costs, the total for the park project is estimated to be \$300,000.

“We will, through this summer, and through the next winter (2019) be working to get that ready to go,” said Trevillian. “We’ll also be looking to fundraise for that project – there’s a \$100,000 match associated with it. Some of that has been raised already.”

He added that construction for the park will begin in 2020.

Following project discussion, city council members moved on to establishing short and long term goals for the future.

Short term goals include: pursuing a Redevelopment Ready Community designation; correcting blight issues; updating street signs; updating the city website; pursuing Artpace grants; continue using marketing committee to market Manistique to tourists.

Long term goals include: pursuing a Redevelopment Ready Community designation; correcting blight issues; updating street signs; building a new Manistique City Hall and Manistique Department of Public Works; purchasing equipment for the water/wastewater department and department of public works.

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Sports



Sports Brief

Limestone sponsoring 'Baskets for Bucks'

MANISTIQUE — Limestone Federal Credit Union is donating \$1 for each person in attendance at the Manistique High School girls' varsity basketball game Feb. 22.

The funds will be split, with 50 percent going to The Grind Coffee House and 50 percent going to the participant(s) who make a half-court basketball shot.

Additionally, they will also have a 17 and under category, where the winner will receive a \$40 Visa card.

Rules and more information for the event follows:

- It's completely free to register. Sign up at the booth, which will be located in the hallway at the beginning of the junior varsity game.

- Participants must register prior to the end of the first quarter of the girls' varsity game which begins at 6 p.m.

- 10 total participants will be selected to attempt a half-court shot; there will be two groups selected — five adults (age 18 or older) and five kids (under age 18).

- At half time, participants will be called down to the court to attempt their shot.

- Participants will shoot in the order their names were drawn.

- Each person will get a chance to shoot the basketball.

If no basket is made, there will be one more round. In the event more than one person makes a half-court basket, each of those participants will split the funds. If all the participants miss both rounds, The Grind Coffee House will be awarded 100 percent of the funds.



Runners, walkers can register for Frosty 5K

MANISTIQUE — There is still time to register and participate in the Manistique Snofest Frosty 5K Road Race and Walk set for Saturday.

The 3.1 mile event will start at the Manistique Community Building near the Little Bear West Arena parking lot on Maple Street at 10 a.m. An award presentation will follow the race.

Late registration is \$30 and can be completed Saturday before the race, starting at 9 a.m.

Further information is available by emailing manistiquecreation@live.com



Courtesy photo

Unable to contain their excitement that winter homecoming activities have resumed, the Manistique High School Winterfest court jumps for joy. The Emeralds' winter homecoming activities were previously rescheduled due to winter weather school cancellations. The pep assembly activities took place Wednesday. Coronation of this year's king and queen will take place after the boys' basketball games against Munising Feb. 22. From left to right are: Oscar Johnson, Josiy Muth, Giulia Rota, Abigail Burnham, and Kyle Renze.

Masons sweep derby

GULLIVER — The 20th annual McDonald Lake Ice Fishing Derby was held over the weekend. Unfortunately, due to poor ice conditions, participation numbers were down considerably from previous years.

The fish were not cooperating, either, as not many fish were caught.

Andy Hubble was lucky enough to catch the largest perch to take first place. It measured in at 10.5 inches and weighed .55 pounds.

Taking first in the walleye division was Dylan Carlson with his catch measuring in at 21.34 and weighing 3.30 pounds.

Nate Putman took first place in the pike division. His catch measured 24.34 inches, 2.32 pounds.

First and second in the children's perch division were taken by Trent and Blake Mason.

Perch Division:
First - Andy Hubble, 10.5 inches, .55 pounds

Second - Jim Barker, 10.25 inches, .52 pounds

Third - Caleb Hubble 4.5 inches

Pike Division:
First - Nate Putman, 24.34 inches, 2.32 pounds

Walleye Division:
First - Dylan Carlson 21.34 inches, 3.30 pounds

Second - Chris Nord, 18 inches, 1.89 pounds

Third - Caleb Hubble, 17.25 inches, 1.78 pounds

Children's Perch Division:
First - Trent Mason, 5.75 inches
Second - Blake Mason, 4.5 inches



Courtesy photos

Not all fishermen were as lucky as the Mason family at the McDonald Lake Annual Fishing Derby. Above, from left to right, are Trent and Blake Mason, who took first and second in the kids perch competition. At right is Grant Mason, who won an eight-inch propane auger — the special grand prize for the 20th anniversary of the derby.



Strong finish not enough for Bears

RAPID RIVER — Coming off a 75-67 overtime loss to the Stephenson Eagles last Thursday, the Big Bay de Noc Black Bears dropped 28 points in the fourth quarter Tuesday in Rapid River. The team's blazing effort wasn't enough to help lift them past the Rockets, who won Tuesday's contest by the score of 64-58.

Up by eight points at the break, the Rockets got some key minutes from Braydon Moss and Noah Gustafson in the second half. Held scoreless in the first two periods, Moss scored all 11 of his points in the third quarter for Rapid River, who pushed their lead to 18 points in the third.

Saving his best play for the final quarter, Gustafson scored all six of his points on the night in the fourth quarter to help keep the game out of reach.

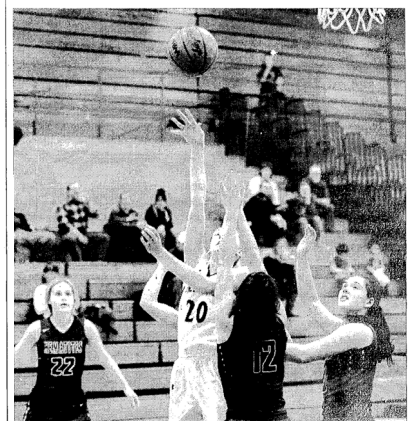
In what's been a struggle to produce a balanced scoring attack throughout the season, Coach Devin Lawrence had four players in double figures, led by Alex LaLonde with 18 points. Chris Cheperon added 13, Travis Johnson 12, and Kellen Thill contributed 11 points. Lucas Sundling rounded off the scoring for the Bears with four points.

The Rockets had three players in double figures, led by Tyler Sundling with 12 points, Moss 11, and Gavin Stumpf 10.

Big Bay will host the upcoming districts starting Feb. 25 with a game between Superior Central and Mid Pen at 7 p.m. The winner of that game will take on Munising Feb. 27 at 6 p.m., followed by Big Bay and Rapid River. The finals are set for March 1.

Big Bay: 9 1 10 28 58

Rapid River: 16 12 20 16 64



Joe LeBlanc photo

With Ishpeming triple-teaming her under the net, Emilee McDaniel attempts to put two in off the glass. Additional games photos may be viewed at www.mstqioneertribune.smugmug.com.

Offense struggles as season winds down

MANISTIQUE — It's been a busy week for the Lady Emeralds as they try to squeeze in several make-up games before the start of conference play.

Coming off losses of 60-38 to Gwinn and 49-8 to Iron Mountain, the Emeralds struggled to find the

net in three quarters of play losing to Ishpeming 49-19 at home Tuesday night.

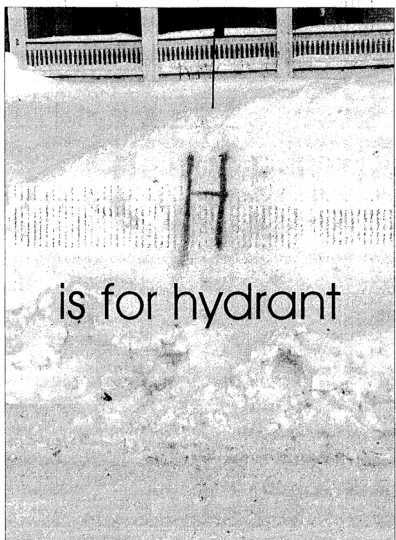
"Not a whole lot went right for us tonight," Coach David Winkel

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Snow banks throughout Manistique were spray painted with the letter "H" over the weekend. The markings were used to assist Manistique Department of Public Works employees in identifying and clearing snow from fire hydrants. Most of the hydrants were visible once again by Tuesday, thanks to their efforts. The Manistique Department of Public Safety is asking residents to continue to keep hydrants cleared, or clearly marked, if possible, to assist in case of emergency.

Outdoors Brief

New daily limit for yellow perch begins April 1

LANSING – If planning to fish for yellow perch this spring, keep in mind that there's a new daily possession limit – 25 fish, reduced from 50 – starting April 1 on nearly all state waters. Exceptions include:

Lake Erie, which will retain a 50-fish daily limit.

Lake Gogebic in Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, which will have the 25-fish daily limit, but with no more than five of those fish being 12 inches or longer.

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission approved the proposed fishing regulation change late last year, after extensive public and scientific reviews. The new regulation is effective with the start of the 2019 Michigan fishing season.

The DNR collected many comments from concerned anglers and others interested in reducing

the daily possession limit for yellow perch. Lowering the statewide daily possession limit also supports consistent yellow perch regulations across waterbodies, particularly connecting waters, tributaries and drowned river mouths.

"The major goal for lowering the yellow perch daily possession limit was to better achieve an optimal balance between conservation and fishing opportunity, reflecting the importance and popularity of yellow perch in Michigan," said Christian LeSage who works for the DNR's Aquatic Species and Regulatory Affairs Unit.

Starting March 1, the 2019 Michigan Fishing Guide will be available online and in printed copy form at fishing license retailers. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/DNRdigests.

Now is a great time to prune trees. Risk of disease is minimal and branches are removed before a tree expends reserves to flush new leaves. And, it's a great way to enjoy the outdoors.

Trees in residential environments typically need pruning to maximize tree health and to satisfy various human desires. In these unnatural conditions, trees can develop defects not as common in a more natural forest. Tree growth may interfere with signage, buildings, walkways, or other infrastructure. Crown shape and branch density can influence visual quality.

Sharply V-shaped forks can result in bark inclusions and subsequent splitting. Wind can continuously work large branches against each other, resulting in perennial "weeping" from aggravated cracks. Pruning to a single main stem is best done when the branches are small.

Once they grow large, the pruning wounds are larger and the loss of significant chunks of the crown can mishape the tree or cause significant weight-loading imbalances.

Try to imagine what the tree will look like in twenty years. Visualize where the branches will grow. If that image poses threats to the tree structure, buildings, neighboring properties, or simply a good view, then pruning earlier, rather than later, is better.

Of course, maybe that tree was planted in the wrong place, such as under power lines or too close to a house. Better to cut the tree down when it is small and then replant with another one, in a more appropriate location. Pruning or removal of large trees is expensive. Prevention is relatively cheap.

"Training" trees begins when the tree is small, when you can reach most of the branches from the ground or a ladder. Tools include hand-pruners, larger lopping shears, small pruning saws, and telescoping pole saws.

Selecting which branches to cut and which to maintain is a bit of a zen experience. Overall shape, branch density, and branch angle are important considerations. Pruning large branches on large trees may require the expertise of a professional arborist. "Topping" a tree is a poor practice, but may be unavoidable to protect utility lines.

"Thinning" the crown is a good practice. Branches, twig size at this point, should be at least a foot

apart along the main stem. This distance will vary with the tree size and species, but it's a place to start.

Each main branch should also be thinned. Open-up that crown. However, avoid removing more than about 25 percent of the total crown in any single year. More frequent light pruning is better for trees.

Where to place the cuts? Pruning should be done back to another branch. Look for the branch "collar" of the branch to be removed. Usually there is a raised wrinkle or two around the branch near the stem. Sometimes the collar appearance is subtle. Do not cut into the branch collar, as this is the tissue which will most quickly grow over the pruning wound. Conversely, don't leave a

large stub, either.

Trees cannot heal wounds, like people can. They can only grow over a wound. Any wound will be with the tree for rest of its life. The faster a tree can contain a wound, the less chance there will be for a successful entry by a disease or insect.

Do not paint wounds or apply other dressings! Paint will encourage moisture retention, which will encourage wood-rotting fungi.

If larger branches must be removed, first making an undercut is a good idea. Otherwise, the bark might strip down the trunk. For very large branches, it may be a good idea to cut it twice, one about a foot from the trunk, and then remove the long stub.

From the Forester

Bill Cook

There are many on-line pictures of what a good pruning session should look like, for those that have Internet access. Otherwise, local Extension offices or Conservation Districts will have access to bulletins that might help.

As an MSU Extension forester, Bill Cook provides educational programming for the entire Upper Peninsula. His office is located at the MSU Forest Biomass Innovation Center near Escanaba. The Center is the headquarters for three MSU Forestry properties in the U.P., with a combined area of about 8,000 acres. A collection of these newspaper articles, back to July 1997, can be viewed into the following website: <http://mforestpathways.net/ForestInfo/Newspaper/0009-Index.html>

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Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

Well, with the way this winter is progressing it sure has been a big change from the last couple of winters when I managed to run just a tank or two of gas through my snow blower. This winter to date I have sure made up for lost time. It is sure one of those times when you are glad you are not living in those "good old days" before snow blowers and pickups with plows on every corner. Having grown up in the age of only a snow shovel until my grandpa made us some snow scoops I have to admit there sure have been a lot of positive improvements.

In talking about all the snow we have received, make sure to take time to check on how much snow is on your outbuildings and any roof that does not have real good gables. There have already been a number of people finding roof damages from all the weight of the snow on the roof. This along with the ice buildup on the edge of the roof can be bad news. Also if you have some senior citizens as neighbors it might be a good idea to check on them.

I also want to mention and ask you to be aware of others at all the intersections that have become blind corners with the super high snowbanks that have been built up at most intersections this winter. Just remember those pulling out from an intersection have to stick their nose out far enough to see if anything is coming.

This is even truer as you approach a snowmobile trail crossing where it is even harder for both of you to see each other. It seems that in today's world everyone is in a hurry to get where they are heading but with the snow conditions it

may pay to slow down and be safe.

It sure makes one wonder when you have your big dog sled race planned for this past weekend and have to call in off short of the planned distance because there was just too much snow. I guess it may be kind of hard on the dogs when you have to fit them with a snorkel so they can breathe when running through the snow. Life sure is interesting to try and figure out how to plan things.

Personally I sure wish the DNR still did their Winter Severity Index on the deer herd so we could see how the bad winter is affecting the deer herd. Back in those "good old days" they figured in the temperatures along with the snow depth to see how bad things are out there. I always liked to keep an eye on this index during the winter then hope it would show when we were having a bad winter then I could always hope for an early spring. Now all I can do is look out the window and hope for an early spring.

You know it has been a good number of years since the fishing season opener came along in the spring and you couldn't get off the road to get back to the lake where you always went but it sure may happen this year. I can recall when I was still working how often this seemed to happen along with there being too much snow for the spring trapping season so it had to be extended.

I would also like to warn any snowmobilers that may have the bright idea of taking off cross country to think twice before doing

it. Here to with all the loose snow out there you sure could find yourself in a world of hurt. Take my word for it having been there with deep snow it can be a backbreaking mess to get unstuck after burying your snowmachine. It is no fun having to pack down an area in front of the machine so you can make a run and get enough speed to get back up on the snow.

It is totally amazing the big change in snowmobiles since back in the Stone Age when my dad purchased his first snowmobile. Needless to say the first ones we rode way back then are now either in a snowmobile museum or being ridden by those taking part in the rich riders snowmobile trip. Can you imagine after looking at what is out there today a snowmobile with a single cylinder eight or 12 horsepower engine. Back in those "good old days" it seemed like you spent as much time working on and keeping your machine running as you did riding it.

Of course back then if the snowmachine was not running you always had your good old reliable snowshoes which always came with a backpack and some good old bologna sandwiches. Now you could always build a fire and toast your bologna on a stick, toast your bread over the fire, pour your hot chocolate and you were all set.

Now please understand these types of adventures both on snowshoes and the old snowmachines took place way before TV, cell phones, and all the distractions in today's world for kids.

Bertrand, Georgia's 160 state champion

MACON, Ga. — School history was made and a family had two athletes contribute to that history at the Macon Centreplex in Macon, Ga., recently. This was the location of the Georgia High School Association Traditional Wrestling State Championships.

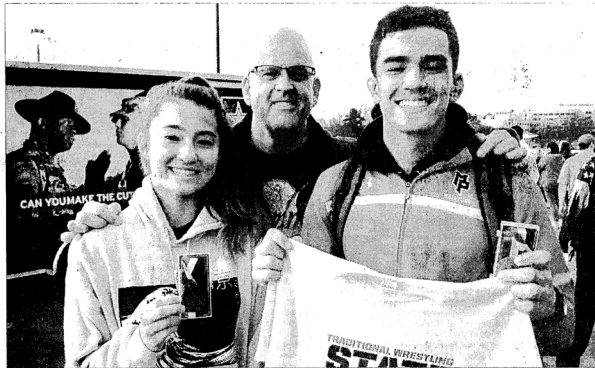
David Bertrand, a sophomore at Mount Pisgah Christian School, became the school's first state champion, taking first place in the 160 weight division. The old saying "hard work pays off" is true in this case. Over the past 10 years, Bertrand has made wrestling his life. He sacrificed all social activities to train, go to school, and compete.

Bertrand's record this season is 67-5. He also participates in football and is the No. 1 ranked line snapper in the country for the class of 2021.

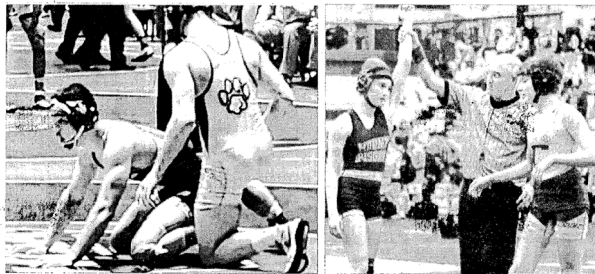
Attendees of the event weren't seeing double, but they did hear the name announced several times over the course of the weekend as David's twin sister Catherine Grace was also in attendance, competing in the 113 division. Catherine Grace took home the fourth place medal in that division. With her record of 45-23, only two of the 68 matches this season were against girls. More than half of her matches she wrestled up a weight class to compete.

Last March, she placed fifth at Folkstyle Nationals and is currently ranked 10th in the country by Future Olympians. She has been wrestling for eight years.

David and Catherine Grace are the children of former Manistique resident David Bertrand and grandchildren of Jeri Bertrand of Manistique.



As a sophomore, David Bertrand became Georgia's State Wrestling Champion for the 160 division over the weekend. His twin sister, Catherine Grace, placed fourth in the 113 division. From left to right are Catherine Grace, their father David Bertrand, and David. Below are both athletes in action.



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Emeralds

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Above, Brooke Richey takes a look at the basket just outside the paint. Below, Chloe Gould sends one to the net.



Emerald swimmers end season competing at UP Finals

MARQUETTE — The Manistique swim teams competed at the 2019 U.P. Swim Finals in Marquette Saturday, wrapping up their 2018-19 season.

Abby Burnham took home a second place finish in girls' diving with a score of 156.45. First went to Kali McDonough of Marquette with a 163.90.

Overall, both the girls' team and the boys' team came in last. The Lady Emeralds finished with a combined score of 49. The boys finished their events with a total of 42.

The following finishes received points:

- Sixth place: Darren Hicks, 100 breaststroke, 1:22.64.
- Seventh place: Boys 200 medley relay, Darren McCaffrey, Hicks, Joey VanDyck, Logan Hagenson, 2:24.08; Girls 200 freestyle relay, Karah Renk, Jones, Palvarinta, Burnham, 2:13.00.
- Eighth place: VanDyck, 500 freestyle, 6:38.70; Boys 200 freestyle relay, McCaffrey, Hicks, Hagenson, Vanddyck, 2:03.02; Girls 400 freestyle relay, Renk, Palvarinta, Rota, Jenna Jack, Schwartz, 5:52.37.
- Ninth place: Girls 200 medley relay, Melanic Jones, Maddie Schwartz, Burnham, Jennarac Palvarinta, 2:31.51; Hicks, 200 IM, 2:52.08; Burnham, 100 freestyle, 1:03.73.



The Manistique competitive cheer team finished up their 2018-19 season competing at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Districts in Brethren, Mich. Pictured in front from left are: Lexi Hubble, Heather Ullom, Ashley McDonald, and McKenna Chartier. Back row: Becca Bowers, Lyndsey Puckett, Taylor Bingham, Jena Osterhout, and Head Coach Donna McPheron.

Competitive cheer wraps up season

BRETHREN, Mich. — The Manistique High School competitive cheer team wrapped up their 2018-19 season on the road competing at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Districts in Brethren, Mich.

Competing against 11 other schools, Manistique placed 10th. Manising took first place with a three round score of 741.84.

Taking second was Houghton Lake with a 734.44. Just behind

them in third was East Jordan with 729.10.

Results: Munising 741.84 (225.50, 214.64, 301.70); Houghton Lake 734.44 (225.00, 204.14, 305.30); East Jordan 729.10 (224.40, 206.90, 297.80); Ewart 682.90 (213.20, 197.00, 282.70); Norway 678.92 (212.20, 180.12, 286.60); Harrison Com-

munity 677.74 (210.00, 194.94, 272.80); Iron Mountain 664.42 (209.60, 383.92, 280.50); Marion 657.72 (210.80, 174.82, 280.10); Scottsville — Mason County Central 652.80 (205.10, 188.70, 259.00); Manistique 637.88 (205.00, 167.58, 265.30); Brethren 633.40 (198.30, 165.60, 279.50)

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said. "We struggled to find any rhythm on either side of the court and were never able to really get things going."

Offensive struggles hit early for Manistique, who trailed 13-2 at the end of the first quarter. After settling in, Manistique out-scored Ishpeming 8-7 in the second and trailed 20-10 at the break.

Up by 10 points, Ishpeming put the game away in the third, jumping out to a 37-14 lead on their way to a 49-19 win over Manistique.

"Ishpeming ran a 1-3-1 defense the entire game, and we weren't really prepared to attack it," said Winkler. "Offensively, they do a great job spreading the court, attacking the basket then kicking out to an open teammate for a three point attempt. They made 10 three-pointers tonight."

Manistique will wrap up the regular season against Big Bay de Noc at home Friday. Big Bay won the first context of the year 46-38. Tip off is set for 6 p.m.

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