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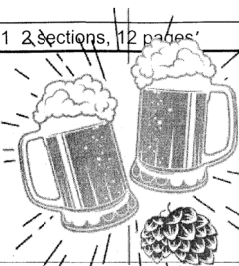
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## News Briefs

### Lake Effect Arts to hold 'Evening with the Arts'

MANISTIQUE — Lake Effect Community Arts will present its second annual Evening with the Arts Aug. 10. The event serves as fundraiser for the organization's planned arts and cultural center.

The event takes place from 6-9 p.m. in the St. Francis de Sales Parish Center. Included is music, appetizers, beer and wine. Live and silent auctions, and door prizes. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 for two people and may be purchased at the Lake Effect Art Gallery and Bostique.

For more information, visit [www.lakeeffectarts.org](http://www.lakeeffectarts.org) or follow the organization on Facebook.

### Annual Corn Roast and Raffle set for August 18

MANISTIQUE — The 47th annual Dalmatian Express Corn Roast and Raffle is scheduled for Aug. 18. The event takes place at the Inwood Township Fire Hall in Cooks, Mich. from 12-11 p.m.

The family-friendly event features local talent from 12-2:30 p.m., bake sale, cake walk, face painting, food and beverages, and bounce houses. There is also a chicken barbecue for \$8 and all-you-can-eat corn for \$5 — children five years and under eat for free.

An auction starts at 3 p.m. and a dance, with music from the Bear Walkers, will take place from 6-10 p.m. The grand prize drawing for a 2019 Can-Am Commander 800R will take place at 8:30 p.m. — those with tickets need not be present to win.

## Events

**August 10** — Second annual Lake Effect Community Arts Evening with the Arts, St. Francis de Sales Parish Center, 6-9 p.m.

**August 12** — Schoolcraft County Veterans Stress Management Series, Schoolcraft County Courthouse second floor conference room, Mondays from 4-5:30 p.m.

**August 14** — Manistique Farmers Market, Little Bear West Arena, Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

**August 14** — Music in Manistique Summer Concert Series, Manistique Central Park Banchshell, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

**August 17** — Hops on the Harbor, Manistique Municipal Boat Launch, 1-6 p.m.

**August 18** — Dalmatian Express 47th annual Corn Roast and Raffle, Inwood Township Fire Hall, 12-11 p.m.

**August 20** — Michigan State Police Manistique Outpost's Coffee with a Cop, Cedar Street Cafe, 9-11 a.m.

**August 30, 31** — Manistique Car Show, Aug. 30, Car Parade through Manistique at 6 p.m., Aug. 31, downtown Manistique, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**September 12** — Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, from the corner of Fifth Street and Deer Street to the Manistique Marina, 5 p.m.

## Committee weighs options for dilapidated county jail

Housing inmates in Alger jail, new construction considered

MANISTIQUE — The future of the Schoolcraft County Jail continues to be a primary focus behind-the-scenes for the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. Recently, the board's jail committee, tasked with the fiscal and logistic issues of the jail, met to discuss options.

According to calculations from a committee document created by Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners chairperson and jail committee member, the 2019 budget for the operation of the Schoolcraft County Jail is \$1,041,381. To house inmates instead at the Alger County Jail, the cost would be \$35 per day, per inmate.

With an average of 25 inmates per day needing housing, Schoolcraft County would pay approximately \$319,375 per year to Alger County.

Reiter's document states that with an estimated \$55,000 budgeted for travel expenses to and from Alger County, as well as \$40,000 budgeted for medical costs, Schoolcraft County could expect to pay approximately \$414,375 to Alger County for inmate housing per year. This would equate to an approximately \$62,706 savings per year for the county, based on the current budget.

The jail committee document notes that the \$35 cost per day would be fixed, with Alger County providing a 20-25-year contract. Reiter's document also stated that contracting with Alger County could ease overcrowding at the Schoolcraft County Jail, assist in the separation of inmates for court

proceedings, and assist in easing jail conflicts among inmates.

Reiter estimates that the cost savings from contracting with Alger County could be used in various areas, including helping to secure a 30-year loan from USDA Rural Development for approximately \$1,500,000 to demolish the jail and build a 72-hour lock up in its place; secure a USDA Rural Development loan for a new van for transportation of inmates; secure a 20-year USDA Rural Development loan for approximately \$500,000 for repairs and improvements at the Schoolcraft County Courthouse; hire a county manager for approximately \$60,000 a year, plus benefits; and strengthen the county's fiscal status.

### Jail options

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## Quick facts

The fourth annual Hops on the Harbor brew festival takes place Aug. 17 at the Manistique Municipal Boat Launch.

## Hops on the Harbor returns

Annual brew festival a fundraiser for the Elks

MANISTIQUE — Beer connoisseurs unite — the fourth annual Hops on the Harbor is set for Aug. 17. Proceeds from the event benefit Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632.

Due to ongoing construction in the Manistique Marina, the location of the annual brew festival will be changed to the Manistique Municipal Boat Launch on Traders Point Drive.

This year, Hops on the Harbor will feature live music from "Truth Be Told", from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. There will also be food available for purchase from the Big Bay de Noc Boosters.

The event, which takes place from 1-6 p.m., will offer a multitude of beers and ciders.

"If you like beer or cider, you're a beer brewing enthusiast or even if you don't know if you like beer, here is a great opportunity and by far the cheapest way to try so many different craft beers," said Mary Hook, Hops on the Harbor organizer and Elks member. "You will have the opportunity to talk to the brewers about the process and about their flavor profiles. You will be able to mingle with fellow beer and cider enthusiasts and discuss what you like about each of the beers."

You will have a beer menu to keep track of your beers that you have tried," she continued. "You'll get to treat your taste buds with all these beers from across Michigan."

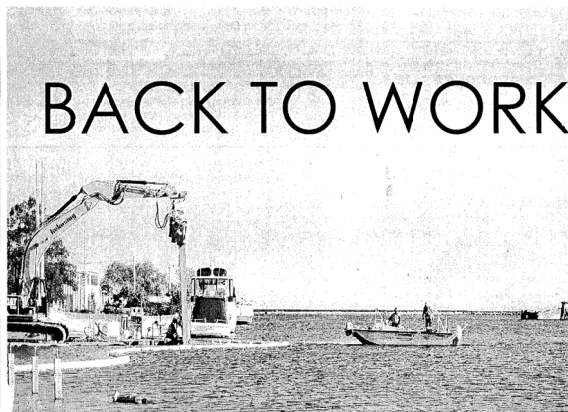
Brewers participating in the event include: Upper Hand, Ore Dock, Shorts, Starcut Ciders, Founders, Mackinaw Trails Brewery, Oddside Ales, Bells Brewery, Monkey Fist, and Tripelroot. There will be more than 30 beers to choose from. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Manistique Elks Lodge, Wheaty's Pub or online at [www.hopsontheharbor.com](http://www.hopsontheharbor.com). Tickets are \$35 per person in advance and \$40 per person at the gate.

Each attendee will receive a free souvenir glass.

Online ticket sales end at 12 p.m. Aug. 17.

### Brew festival

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Pioneer Tribune photo Work on the Manistique Marina has recommenced. High water levels had led to the delay of the third phase of the marina project, which includes 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. In July, construction crews presented a change order request, increasing the nearly \$2.4 million project by approximately \$48,253 to address the water levels. The additional cost provided the needed labor, equipment, and materials to facilitate the adjustment and installation of lakeside and tie-back sheet pile allowing workers to de-water the site and resume work on the project.

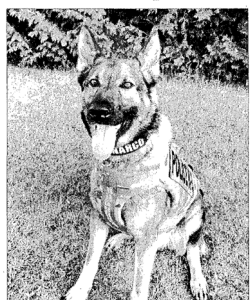
## Manistique Public Safety's K9 'Narco' receives protective vest

MANISTIQUE — Manistique Public Safety K9 Narco has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The vest was embroidered with the sentiment "This gift of protection provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc."

MPSD Officer Craig Jankowski and MPSD K9 Narco graduated from the Northern Michigan K9 Training Academy in Harrison, Mich. last September. The two had completed one full month of K9 training.

Narco is a two-year-old, male German shepherd born in Holland. He received his initial training in Mexico before being imported to the United States. Both Jankowski and Narco received training in narcotics detection, search and rescue, tracking, handler protection, and suspect apprehension. The duo is also available for school and public education opportunities.

Funding of the K9 program is provided by



Above, MPSD K9 Narco is shown sporting his new protective vest. Courtesy photo

area businesses, entities, and citizens.

Jankowski and Narco are currently on duty in Manistique, patrolling and providing assistance to all Schoolcraft County area law enforcement agencies, including the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, Sault Tribe Police Department, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since

### K9 donation

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## Letters to the Editor

**Dear Editor,**  
This letter of thanks and gratitude goes to Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility and their staff of angels. Never in my 64 years have I needed so much help from others.

In this setting, only angels could perform the necessary tasks for me and for the members of our community living at our Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility. I recently lost my right leg and just completed three months of rehabilitating and learning how to move on with my life.

SCMCF is the home to around 70 of our family elders as well as temporary visitors like myself needing help recovering from various illnesses or injuries. This staff of around 100 angels offers and gives a level of human dignity to those most in need without question or delay.

Our elders receive services in all areas, such as clean neat rooms, a well maintained home, very good meals with menu options, social assistance and activities, medical care, physical therapy, transportation for medical and social appointments, as well as the most

important gift of loving care. We can be proud of this gift to our community and should continue to support it because we never know when we may find ourselves in need of an angel's care.

**With sincere gratitude,  
Daniel LaFolite, Sr.  
Manistique**

**Dear Editor,**  
Enbridge says Michigan needs Line 5 for propane or the U.P. will face a cold winter. This fiction is intended to maintain Line 5 profit while the tunnel is built.

If safety was the reason for a tunnel, Enbridge would not use an unsafe pipeline while building a safer one.

Line 5 supplies half of the UP's propane when two percent of its NGLs are off-loaded in Rapid River. Ninety-eight percent go on to Sarnia.

U.P. Propane can be supplied today, without Line 5, by truck or rail for a few additional cents per gallon. A third option would

be to construct a 4-inch line to carry NGLs to Rapid River where they're converted to propane.

It's doubtful that Enbridge wants to invest \$500M hoping that the price of oil 10 years from now will make the tunnel a good investment.

That explains their many back-out clauses. Michigan could be left with tunnel debt, or worse, with disaster if the old line fails.

Gov. Whitmer and Michigan Attorney General Nessel have prioritized Michigan needs in their lawsuit to decommission Line 5. The governor's U.P. Energy Task Force will study propane alternatives for the U.P.

Michigan needs a responsible plan for delivering propane to the U.P. tomorrow, so that we can decommission Line 5 today. In fact, this is the only way to ensure that the U.P. will stay warm if Line 5 failed.

**Barbara Stamiris,  
Traverse City**

## Flashback



## Awarded for service

**Pioneer Tribune Archive photo**  
From the Aug. 14, 1969 edition of the Pioneer Tribune, Cpl. Tom Mercier, center left, receives the General Haltenbeck Award during ceremonies last week at Camp Grayling. Gen. Haltenbeck, now retired, made the presentation personally.

## New MiWorks! program looks to increase employee retention

ESCANABA - LiFUP, a new and innovative community program from the MiWorks! Upward Talent Council and the State of Michigan are bringing Upper Peninsula businesses together to support job-at-risk employees with on-site training and success coaching. The regional public-private cooperative directly connects employees with resources that help with personal challenges that can affect job performance, such as money management, transportation issues, lack of child and elder care, stress management, addiction, mental health issues, or housing problems. In turn, it helps employers increase productivity and

loyalty, reduce turnover and absenteeism, promote wellness and engagement, and improve access to barrier assistance programs.

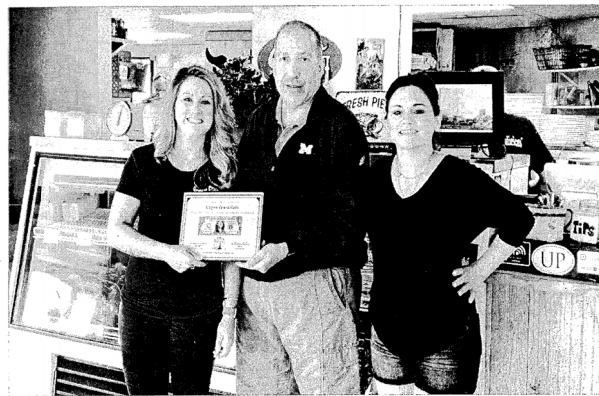
MiWorks! Upward Talent Council is committed to Upper Peninsula businesses and workers; through LiFUP they offer a practical and affordable compliance to overburdened human resources departments. Member businesses pay an annual fee that funds regional LiFUP success coaches who provide employees at each company with personalized, wrap-around plans that address life and work challenges. The coaches partner with local governments, non-profit agencies, and private companies to

identify appropriate resources.

LiFUP will serve as a single access point for resources, ideas, and information sharing that help companies and their employees thrive. Member businesses also benefit from an exchange of management ideas and best practices through roundtable discussions that focus on employee success and retention. Regional sub-groups will share success coaches and participate in a network that includes businesses from the same area.

LiFUP from MiWorks! Upward

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**Courtesy photo**  
Kylee Weber and Britney Weber are the proud owners of the Upper Crust Deli. Alan Barr, Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce's CEO and executive director, recently presented them with their "first dollar."

## Familiar business, new faces: Upper Crust owners receive 'first dollar'

MANISTIQUE - Britney Weber and Kylee Weber are the new owners of Upper Crust Deli, a counter-service deli and café open for breakfast and lunch. The popular eatery, located on Traders Point in Manistique, just celebrated its 20th anniversary and there's no slowing down this sister duo.

Wanting to own a business and dabbling in the thought of a local meat market, when the sisters heard that Upper Crust Deli was

for sale, they pounced on the opportunity. The duo officially started their new adventure in June.

They have plans to make the ever-so-popular place their own, but, for now, they are continuing with catering services, plan to host reservation-only dinners, and are looking into expanding their outdoor space to add to the waterfront view.

On Aug. 15, Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce members are

invited to Upper Crust Deli at 5:30 p.m. for this month's member appreciation Third Thursday event. Thanks to the donation of three sponsors - Superior State Agency, Grover Real Estate, and Gulliver's Crossroads - attendance is free and food and beverages will be provided.

View the Upper Crust Deli menu and order online at [www.uppercrustdeli.com](http://www.uppercrustdeli.com), follow them on Facebook or call 341-2253.

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## The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune

50 years ago

August 7, 1969

Circuit Judge William F. Hood was busy with affairs of the Eleventh Circuit Court this week, following ceremonies last Friday afternoon in the courtroom that officially installed him in his new post. Judge Ernest Brown of Iron Mountain, senior U.P. Circuit Judge, administered the oath of office to Judge Hood in a courtroom crowded with fellow judges, members of the bar, friends and family.

Sgt. Patrick J. Irie, an eight year veteran with the Air Force, raised his right hand and recited for his third term in ceremonies held at the exact moment that Apollo 11 commander Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon's surface. The 27-year-old Irie, currently assigned to Headquarters Pacific Security Region, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii, is a 1960 graduate of Manistique High School, and entered the Air Force in July, 1961. He is the son of Clarence Irie, 502 Alger Ave.

More campers, but fewer visitors—that seems to be the trend at area state parks, according to a report on attendance issued this week by the Newberry District of the Department of Natural Resources. Indian Lake State Park reported a total of 5,376 campers for the summer through July 27, compared to 5,270

for the same period a year ago. Prospective campers were again turned away from Indian Lake, perennially one of the most popular camps in the U.P., and more than 1,100 families were registered during the week. The new access road to the beach at the West Shore section of Indian Lake park was opened during the past week. It provides a swimming and boat launching area, and is proving extremely popular. Visitors, however, showed a decline from last year, with 71,050 registered for the summer through July 27, compared to 75,625 for the same period a year ago. At Big Spring, Palms Book State Park reported 29,457 visitors so far this year, compared to 31,317 at the same time last year.

The City of Manistique is seeking bids on the 25-unit, low income family housing project recently approved by the federal government. Work on the project, estimated to cost about \$516,000, is expected to get underway later this month, with a completion date in the fall of next year. Deadline for bids is Aug. 21. The units will be constructed on N Maple St., on the site of the old Hewitt Grocery warehouse, which will be demolished. Ten duplex and five single dwellings will be constructed. It will include 18 three-bedroom homes, two two-bedrooms and five four-bedrooms.

35 years ago

August 9, 1984

A long time problem with the sewer and water lines on N. Houghton will be attacked in earnest by the City of Manistique this week. City Manager Charles Varnum said the city will be putting in completely new water and sewer lines from Deer St. 400 feet north up Houghton, at a cost of about \$10,000. That decision followed last week's collapse of the street as both sewer and water lines broke. That particular section of the street has long been a problem for the city. Varnum pointed out. The sewers were put in over 80 years ago, he said. About 10 years ago the street was paved without upgrading the underground lines. "We've averaged repair work there about twice a year," said Varnum. "two and a half years ago city crews worked for five weeks trying to repair the lines." Now the job has been given to Lindberg Construction Co. of Ishpeming. That's the same firm that's currently working

on the new bridge across the Marquette River, and Varnum said the city was able to get a good price on the project because the heavy equipment was already here.

So you wonder what those lavender-pink-purple spike flowers are that you have seen along the road in Schoolcraft County? They are Lythrum, and they are there for a reason. Mrs. Leo Sikarskie reported Wednesday morning that 25 years ago the 14 Women's Home Extension Clubs in the county undertook the planting of Lythrum as a project. The plants were purchased from Walter's Nursery and planted county-wide. She said they are particularly noticeable on US-2 east of town, by the Beachcomber Motel, and along old State Road. The flowers are at the height of bloom now, she added. Lythrum was chosen because of its hardness in this climate, and as a result of the planting now reigns as the unofficial county flower.

20 years ago

August 12, 1999

Steve Johnson of Manistique was one of two artists recently selected by Escanaba's Downtown Development Authority to paint a mural depicting Escanaba during 1865, the founding year of the city. Johnson's mural will be painted on the side of Jack's Camera and Video at 1202 Ludington St. Johnson has been a sign painter and artist for over 27 years. His training includes two years of art and drafting in high school and two years of vocational sign painting. Before marrying, his winters were spent in Florida, where he painted many murals portraying both animals and people.

Through the cooperation of Manistique High

School, Manistique Economic Development Corporation, Project Pectunia and JTPA, the "M" shaped pectunia planter is back. The "M," which stands for Manistique, has been rebuilt in the five-points park bordering on the high school parking lot. The original "M" was designed and built by the MSU Extension 4-H, under the direction of Chris Keener and Elvin Hepker. When the city and EDG restructured the area bordering what is now Family Dollar and the high school, the "M" was removed. With the new park complete, JTPA workers under the supervision of Corey Malloch and advisor Guy Thorell, have reconstructed the "M" shaped planter.

10 years ago

August 13, 2009

A landmark in downtown Manistique since 1909, the Elks Temple on Walnut Street is being honored for 100 years of service to the community. Members of Elks Lodge 632 are celebrating the anniversary with a variety of special events, including a reception Friday night and a gala banquet Saturday.

Over the years, Manistique has been visited by governors, senators and all manner of other famous folks. A few dignitaries have generated as much buzz and anticipation as the group that will be coming to town next week. The famed Budweiser Clydesdales will make a brief stopover in the city on Wednesday, Aug.

19, as part of an area tour that includes a visit to Munising the following day and a stop at the U.P. State Fair in Escanaba.

Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand celebrates the grand opening of its ReStore in Manistique this week-end. Located in the Blanchard Center (the former Lincoln Elementary School) at 410 Deer St., the ReStore offers new and "gently used" building materials, tools, furniture and more. Grand opening events will include tours of the Blanchard Center building every half hour, door prize awards every 20 minutes, and a drawing for a grand prize of a pontoon boat.

## Mackinac Financial Corporation releases second quarter report

**MANISTIQUE** – Mackinac Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: MFNC) (the “Corporation”), the bank holding company for mBank, recently announced 2019 second quarter net income of \$3.67 million, or \$.34 per share, compared to 2018 second quarter net income of \$3.96 million, or \$.05 per share. The 2018 second quarter results included expenses related to the acquisition of First Federal of Northern Michigan (“FFNM”), which had an after-tax impact of \$1.56 million on earnings. Adjusted net income (net of transaction related expenses) for the second quarter of 2018 was \$1.96 million or \$.25 per share. Second quarter 2019 net income compared to 2018 adjusted net income increased by \$1.71 million, or 87%.

Income for the first two quarters of 2019 was \$6.84 million, or \$.64 per share, compared to \$1.93 million, or \$.27 per share for the same period of 2018. When giving effect to transaction related expenses, adjusted six-month net income for 2018 was \$3.64 million or \$.50 per share.

Weighted average shares outstanding for the second quarter 2019 were 10,740,712, compared to 7,769,720 for the same period of 2018. The Corporation issued 2,146,378 new shares for the FFNM purchase in May 2018 and issued an additional 2,225,807 shares related to the common stock offering completed in June 2018.

Total assets of the Corporation at June 2019 were \$1.33 billion, compared to \$1.27 billion at June 30, 2018. Shareholders’ equity at June 30, 2019 totaled \$157.84 million, compared to \$148.87 million at June 30, 2018. Book value per share equated to \$14.70 at the end of the second quarter 2019, compared to \$13.90 per share a year ago. Tangible book value at quarter-end was \$133.24 million, or \$12.40 per share, compared to

\$123.97 million, or \$11.57 per share at the end of the second quarter 2018.

**Additional notes:**  
 • mBank, the Corporation’s primary asset, recorded year-to-date net income of \$7.37 million for the first six months of 2019, compared to \$3.25 million for the same period of 2018. The 2018 six-month results included expenses related to the acquisition of FFNM, which had an after-tax impact of \$1.23 million on earnings. Adjusted bank net income (net of transaction related expenses) for the first half of 2018 was \$4.48 million, equating to a year-over-year increase of \$2.89 million, or 65%. The increase in net income equated to an improvement in Return on Average Assets at the bank from .63% (.86% as adjusted) for the first six months of 2018 to 1.13% for the same period of 2019.

• The Corporation achieved loan growth of \$21.84 million through June 30, 2019. As expected, the majority of this growth occurred in the second quarter. The growth was driven by new loan production of \$184.5 million in the first half of 2019 comprised of \$81.4 million in the first quarter and \$103.1 million in the second quarter. New loan production was \$59.0 million for the second quarter of 2018 and \$103.9 million in the first six months of 2018.

• Total core bank deposits have increased \$42.08 million in the first six months of 2019 through more proactive sales activity in the treasury management line of business and increased marketing efforts in key retail markets.

• The Corporation was added to the Russell 2000 Index in June 2019 when the index finalized its annual reconstitution.

Commenting on new loan production and overall lending activities, President of the Corporation and President and CEO of mBank, Kelly W. George, stated, “We are very pleased with our first-half

2019 lending activities. Overall new loan production increased again in the second quarter and outpaced last year’s total by \$44 million. This production supported our anticipated loan growth for the quarter even with the aforementioned payoff activity. The growing contribution from the new lending teams from the acquisitions last year provided positive impact to these totals and the continued performance from the legacy lending team has been excellent as we continue to adjudicate high quality credits. Secondary market mortgage activity has been significantly augmented by our larger bank platform and 2019 has seen a positive shift in refinancing trends for the first time in several years with our refinance volume increasing through the second quarter by 79% over 2018. This trend drove increased year-over-year gain on sale income where premiums remain strong and slightly increased on average for 2018.”

Nonperforming loans totaled \$4.70 million, or 44% of total loans at June 30, 2019, compared to \$5.0 million, or 50% of total loans at June 30, 2018. Total loan delinquencies greater than 30 days resided at a nominal 1.05%, compared to .89% in 2018. The nonperforming assets to total assets ratio resided at .51% for second quarter of 2019, compared to .59% for the second quarter of 2018.

Commenting on overall credit risk, Mr. George stated, “As expected, we have normalized the slight increase in our non-performing and problem loan credit ratios that occurred in 2018 following the FFNM and Lincoln Community Bank acquisitions. We have seen no signs of any adverse systemic issues in terms of increased payment period times for legacy clients or material deterioration in commercial client financial statements in any of our core industries in which we lend. We also carry a very low level of Other Real Estate

Owned, limiting time and expense in resolution of those properties. Purchase accounting marks from the previously acquired banks have continued to prove accurate, attaining expected accretion levels which should continue into future periods.”

Net interest income for the second quarter 2019 was \$13.99 million, resulting in a Net Interest Margin (NIM) of 4.76%, compared to \$10.81 million in the second quarter 2018 and a NIM of 4.26%. Core operating margin, which is net of accretion from acquisition and the aforementioned amount of non-accrual resolution, was 4.43% for the second quarter 2019.

Total bank deposits (excluding brokered deposits) have increased by \$136.93 million year-over-year from \$863.82 million at June 30, 2018 to \$1.00 billion at the second quarter-end 2019.

Mr. George stated, “The Corporation’s margin remains consistently strong with continued focus on pricing of both the loan and deposit portfolio. We have also analyzed the potential margin impact if Fed rate cuts continue. Given our well-matched balance sheet, we expect nominal core margin compression as we continue to proactively review traditional bank product offerings and functions to maintain a competitive position with peers, as well as regional and national banks. Our bank deposits are up roughly \$40 million since year-end 2018 and have allowed for a continued reduction in higher cost brokered deposits over the course of the first half of 2019. With continued focus and progress, we have significantly lessened our reliance on wholesale funding while maintaining a strong liquidity position to fund loans and our overall operation. Our focus on new core deposit procurement remains a key

initiative for 2019 as we look to continue to wind down our wholesale funding sources through aggressive marketing and business development initiatives in our higher volume markets and with our Treasury Management line of business.”

Mackinac Financial Corporation is a registered bank holding company formed under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 with assets in excess of \$1.3 billion and whose common stock is traded on the NASDAQ stock market as “MFNC.” The principal subsidiary of the Corporation is mBank. Headquartered in Manistique, Michigan, mBank has 29 branch locations; eleven in the Upper Peninsula, ten in the Northern Lower Peninsula, one in Oakland County, Michigan, and seven in Northern Wisconsin. The Corporation’s banking services include commercial lending and treasury management products and services geared toward small to mid-sized businesses, as well as a full array of personal and business deposit products and consumer loans.

## News Briefs

### Manistique Amity will hold meeting Aug. 14

**MANISTIQUE** – The Manistique Amity Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 14. The meeting will take place at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Manistique.

Mary McCune from the Manistique Lions Club will be the guest speaker. If interested in joining Amity, call 341-6340 or (906) 573-2135.

### Bay’s ‘Call for Art’ now extended until Aug. 16

**ESCANABA** – Coinciding with The Wizard of Oz musical, Bay College has issued a “Call for Art” for a special Wizard of Oz Art Exhibition to be displayed at Bay College’s Escanaba Campus from Sept. 25 until Nov. 12. The deadline for submissions has been extended to Aug. 16, 2019 at 12 p.m.

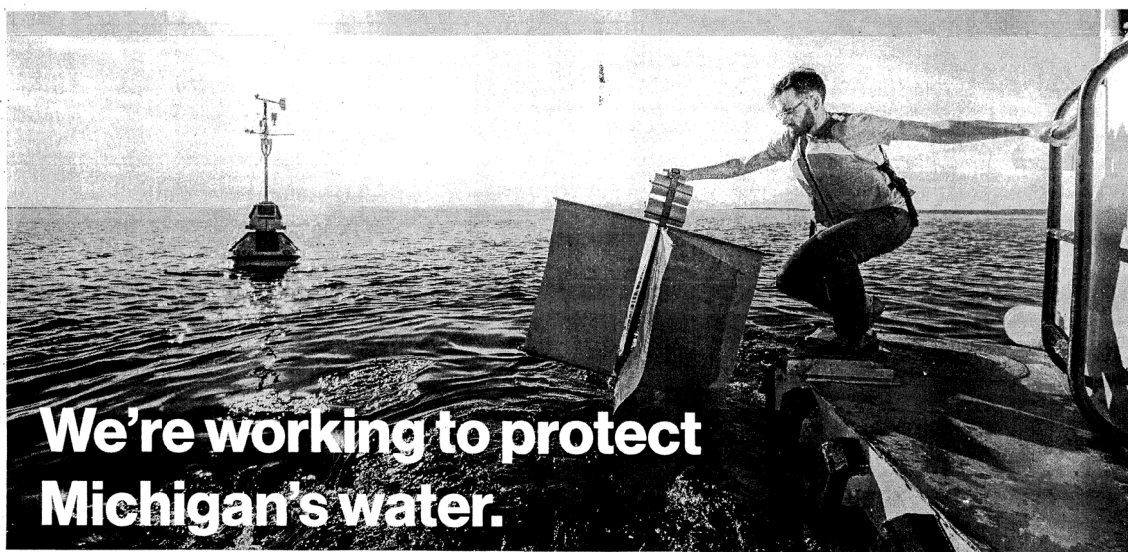
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## Obituaries

### Eva M. Paquin

GLADSTONE — Eva Marie Paquin, 83, of Gladstone, Mich., passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family Sunday morning, Aug. 4, 2019, at her home.



Eva M. Paquin

Eva was born in Farmington, Mich., Sept. 4, 1935, the daughter of William and Margaret (Donegan) Longfellow. Both were immigrants from England and Ireland. She was named after her grandmother, Eva Ridings, who lived to be 102. Most of her early childhood was spent in tap shoes. From her grade school days and for 15 years she religiously danced every day after school for hours. Her love and dedication to dance led her to her future husband, Frank Paquin, in 1954 while he was in the Army and she performed for the U.S.O.



Eva worked for J.L. Hudson in Detroit, Mich.

In 1956, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Frank J. Paquin. They spent 59 loving years together. They then moved to Ypsilanti, Mich., then to Allen Park, Cleveland, Ohio, and eventually made their home in Gladstone in 1963, where Frank and his two brothers, Art and Jim, ran their business, Paquin and Sons Sand and Gravel.

Eva worked for Marv Pouliot at the Terrace Bay Inn for 11 years, Bishop Noa Home for the aging for six years, and then retired. Her volunteer work consisted of RSVP programs, one being Reading Buddies at Cameron Elementary School. She also assisted at the U.P. State Fair's Pocket Park. Eva and Frank volunteered to cook for and host 50 volunteer workers for more than a decade at the annual Kids Fishing Day held at Camp Seven Lake Campground.

Eva and Frank were one of the original members of the Delta Merry Mixers Square Dancers. Other hobbies of "Little Eva's" consisted of camping, gardening and canning her crop, cooking and baking, which she mastered. She found a new love for the cardinal. She would count her blessings when they would pay her a visit on her porch railing.

Mom's kisses, baked goods, and favorite recipes shared over the

phone almost daily will be missed. Our family would like to extend a special thank you to OSF Hospice Group and Gentle Hands LLC for assisting with our Mom's care. Without them we would never have been able to grant moms wish that she be at home for her final journey.

Eva is survived by her three sons, Ronald (Gayle) Paquin of Gladstone, Kevin Paquin of Gladstone, Allen (Angie) Paquin of Gladstone; two daughters, Brenda (Robert) Madden of Cornell, Mich. and Theresa (Patrick) Madden of Gladstone; brother, Frankie (Charlotte) Longfellow of Champagne, Ill., brother-in-law, Art Paquin; sister-in-law, Theresa Lippens; 13 grandchildren, Brian (Stephanie) Paquin, Steven Paquin, Melissa (Andrew) Peltier, Heather (Tim) Bosanic, Ashley (Kyle) Dobson, Stephanie Madden, Thomas (fiance Denna Depas) Madden, Marcus Madden, Jason Paquin, Kristina Paquin, Mitchell Paquin, Jacob Paquin, and Brittney Paquin; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, Frank Paquin, Eva is preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Helen (Larry) Taylor; half brother, William James Longfellow and niece, Vickie Algren.

Family will receive friends Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 4-6 p.m. at the Skradski Funeral Home in Gladstone. Vigil prayers are scheduled for 6p.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 8, at 11a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Flat Rock, Mich., with Rev. Fr. Francis Dobrzanski officiating. A luncheon will follow in Father Matt's hall in the church basement. Eva will be laid to rest next to her husband in Gardens of Rest Cemetery in Wells, Mich. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Holy Family Catholic Church.

The Skradski Family Funeral Homes of Delta County are assisting in the Paquin family. Please visit [www.skradskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.skradskifuneralhomes.com) where you can leave a message of condolence to the family.

### Gary K Wolfe



Gary K. Wolfe

SPANAWAY, Wash. — Gary Kermit Wolfe passed away quietly on Thursday, July 25, 2019, from congestive heart failure.

Gary was born in Manistique, Mich., on March 30, 1940, to Kermit and Emily Wolfe. He is survived by his wife Ardith; children, Glen and Angela Barnhouse, Ted and Carmen Wolfe; and Lynn Lehighy; grandchildren, Bobby and Connor Barnhouse, Alicia Martin; great-grandchildren, Hudson/Barnhouse and Jordan Martin; siblings, Jim and Linda Wolfe, Deloris and Wayne Christiansen.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; brother, William "Bill" Wolfe and sister Beverly Green.

Gary spent his youth growing up in Upper Michigan and attended high school in Manistique. Gary often spoke of making the cows and the many odd jobs he would do to earn money, including working at the paper mill. One of his fondest memories of being a kid was the treat of going to the movies. "Dad would give us 25 cents once a month or so if we got it; we could see a movie, get popcorn

and a pop. It was a real treat."

Gary joined the Army in 1958 and faithfully served for 21 years before retiring in 1979. Upon retiring from the Army, Gary became an over the road truck driver for Oak Harbor Freight Lines. He spent many a night on the road building friendships along the way, until he retired again in 2003.

Gary enjoyed spending time with family and friends, his work with the Masonic Lodge, traveling, and telling stories to anyone he met. He was a larger than life individual with a love of cars, a quick wit and a gentle soul. He helped anyone in need and didn't shy away from a good hand of pinocle.

The family invites those who were touched by Gary to share their stories at a celebration of life ceremony to be held Friday, Aug. 9, at 1 p.m. at Fir Lane Memorial Park, Spanaway, Wash. A viewing will be held Thursday, Aug. 8 from 2-7 p.m.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

### Norma A. McDonald



Norma A. McDonald

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Norma A. Nelson McDonald, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died on Monday, July 29, 2019, at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte, Fla. Norma was born in Manistique, Mich., on Jan. 24, 1935. She was the daughter of Norman and Effie Nelson of Seney, Mich. She grew up in Seney and attended Newberry High School in Newberry, Mich.

She married Kenneth (Kenny) McDonald and they made their home in Waukegan, Ill. She received her cosmetology license and later worked as a CNA at Victoria Memorial Hospital. Norma loved to cook and decorate her home. She had a talent for design and beauty. Her and her husband Kenny, moved to Port Charlotte to enjoy retirement in 1998. Norma loved her family and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved the holidays

and made them special times to remember. She was a caretaker for her mother for many years in Florida.

Norma is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Kenneth; two daughters, Paula (Harold) Kennedy, Pamela (Dave Stewart) Cirovic; grandchildren, John (Sandy) Flores of Bourbonnais, Ill., Melanie (Will) Sultan, of Waukegan, David Cirovic of Fort Meyers, Fla., Jennifer (Brian) Sparesus, of Racine, Wis.; nine great-grandchildren, Andrew, Jake, Max, Samantha, Tyler, Jaydon, Prayton, Kaciegh, Madeline, Gabriella, and Roman. She is survived also by her brother whom she adored, Norm (Carol) Nelson of Portage, Mich.

She is predeceased by her parents, Norman (Nie) and Effie (Lustia) Nelson and one grandson, Brian Kennedy.

Per her request, there will be no service, however the family welcomes your prayers.

## Grant will support 2 UP rural clinics, including SMH

MARQUETTE — Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions was recently awarded a \$600,000 competitive grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) to integrate behavioral health services into rural primary care settings across the Upper Peninsula. HRSA awarded approximately \$6.3 million for Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program grants designed to support rural primary care providers in improving patient health outcomes, as well as the quality and delivery of rural health care services in the primary care setting.

The funding will support UP-HCS's UPiH Collaborative Care Program, which aims to address an ongoing health concern in our rural region — adult behavioral health access — with an innovative approach. The UPHCS project team will work with two primary health care delivery partners to support implementation of an integrated behavioral health strategy. Those partners are Gibson Family Health Clinic in Newberry, Mich., and Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Rural Health Clinic in Manistique, Mich., both of which are federally designated Rural Health Clinics. Using case-based learning via telehealth and investment in specialized training and certification, the project will support behavioral health co-loc-

ation efforts, and further enhance patient behavioral and physical health outcomes in these rural communities.

"A whole-person health care approach — one that treats physical and mental health equally — is progressive, and will ultimately improve patient outcomes," said Melissa Holmguest, executive director, UPHCS. "This funding greatly improves our ability to support a coordinated approach to health care delivery, which will strengthen our system and make a positive impact on the lives of individuals living in our rural communities across the Upper Peninsula."

The grant funding will support this program for three years. A full list of Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program grant awardees can be viewed here: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health-community/small-health-care-provider-quality-improvement-awards>.

### About UPHCS

Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves the 310,000 residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We are a network of community health care providers with a shared vision of working together to improve access, reduce cost, and promote quality health care services in the communities served by our members. Visit [www.uphcs.org](http://www.uphcs.org) for more information.

## News Brief

### UP blood drive set for August 14 in Manistique

MANISTIQUE — A Blood Drive for the U.P. Regional Blood Center is set for Aug. 14. The drive will take place in the conference room

at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. It will run from 1-5:15 p.m. Schedule an appointment by calling 341-7578. Walk-ins welcome.



### Manistique Elk's Club #632 GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Saturday, Aug. 10

Registration 9 a.m. • Shotgun start 10 a.m.

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Entry forms available at Elks Club & Indian Lake Golf Club

## MiWorks! program continued from A2

Talent Council is modeled on remarkably successful programs in Lower Michigan that have helped businesses save thousands of dollars in employee replacement and retraining costs. According to multiple studies, the cost to replace an employee can range from \$3,300 for a manufacturing or retail employee, to between \$8,000 and \$15,000 for a mid-level manager. Other Michigan BRNs have reported returns on investment of 198 percent (West Michigan BRN) to as high as 88 percent (Mid-Michigan BRN) and retention rates of greater than 95 percent.

For more information about the

new LiftUP Business Resource Network, visit [liftupnri.coach.org](http://liftupnri.coach.org) or call 906.629.1161.

Upward Talent Council Michigan Works! connects local agencies and partners with resources to help them better serve employers and job seekers.

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Jim's Welding and Machine was recently presented with their "first dollar" from Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce. From left to right are STC board member Bonnie Garvin, Jim, Columbus, Jessica Columbus, and STC CEO and Executive Director Alan Barr.

## Jim's Welding under new ownership, gets 'first dollar'

MANISTIQUE – A welding and fabrication business that has been serving the Upper Peninsula since the 1990s has new owners Mike and Jessica Columbus. The duo plans to bring innovation in the welding industry to the next level. With just under 25 years of experience, Mike and Jessica are enthusiastic about connecting with the community and determining welding needs. The perform

business went up for sale. The shop provides an array of services including repairs to ATVs, boats, trailers, snowmobiles, axel parts, along with off-site mobile welding such as brush mowers, forestry equipment, and machinery. Mike and Jessica are enthusiastic about connecting with the community and determining welding needs. The perform

custom work as well – recently completing an outdoor fireplace for Blue-Mystique and custom wrought iron spindles for another client. For more information about Jim's Welding and Machine, contact (906) 341-7601, visit [www.jims-welding-machine-llc.business.site/](http://www.jims-welding-machine-llc.business.site/) and follow them on Facebook, where they also provide videos of their work.

## Strategies for growing more edibles later into the season

Don't let fall or potentially frosty temperatures stop you from enjoying garden-fresh produce. Extend the nutritional value and home-grown flavor into your fall and early winter meals with the help of short season crops and season extending strategies.

Lettuce, spinach, radishes, turnips, and beets are quick to mature from seed to harvest. Plus, the cooler temperatures enhance their flavor. Simply count the number of frost-free days left in your growing season and compare it with the number of days from planting to harvest listed on the seed packet. Protect these late plantings and other vegetables from chilly fall temperatures with cloches, cold-frames, and floating row covers. Many of these devices have long been used by gardeners to jump start the season in spring and extend it much later into fall. These devices trap heat around the plants, protecting them from frosty temperatures.

Convert gallon milk jugs into garden cloches for individual plants. Remove the bottom of the jug and slide it over the plant. Use the cap to capture heat or remove



Courtesy photo

Above, floating row covers trap heat around plants, but allows air, light, and water through so there is no need to uncover plants during the day or for watering.

to ventilate your homemade cloche on sunny days. Or purchase reusable cloches with built in ventilation. Originally made of glass many of the newer cloches are plastic, making them more affordable, easy to stack and portable.

You can make your own cold-frames. Many gardeners convert discarded windows, a bit of lumber and nails into a homemade shelter

### Edibles

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### Lifestyles Briefs

#### Veteran volunteers needed for Sept. 25 Feeding America distribution

MANISTIQUE – On Sept. 25, the Feeding America truck will return to Manistique. This truck

is sponsored by the Schoolcraft County Veterans Serve Grant. Any veterans willing to volun-

teer from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. should contact Good Neighbor Services at 341-3927.

#### Bay College announces two 'Rapid Enrollment Days' August 13-14

ESCANABA – Bay College is hosting Rapid Enrollment Days Aug. 13 and Aug. 14 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on both the Iron Mountain and Escanaba campuses. New, returning,

and transfer students are invited to campus to get assistance with every step in the college process. This can include applying to the college, registering for courses, applying for

financial aid, and purchasing books. Fall courses begin on Aug. 26. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (906) 217-4010.

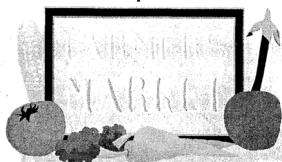
#### Garden Peninsula Historical Society's Honoree Dinner rescheduled

GARDEN – The Honoree Dinner sponsored by the Garden Peninsula Historical Society has been rescheduled for Sept. 22 at the Garden Community Center. The event will begin at 12 p.m., with a

buffet lunch commencing at 12:30 p.m. at noon. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. The historical society will provide tableware. Following dinner, biographies will be read and

certificates presented to honorees.

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The Manistique Senior Center Open House will be taking place on Sept. 5 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch will be served by MDS-CAA Senior Nutrition Program and will be the usual barbecue ribs, braised potatoes, salad, baked beans, corn bread, and sherbet.

Lunch will be served from 11:30-12:30 and donation is \$3 for aged 60 and older and \$5 for anyone under age 60. The kitchen does need a head count for lunch, so if you plan on eating lunch with us on this day, call the kitchen at 341-5085 and get signed up by Aug. 30.

We will have door prizes and raffles, and entertainment will be Karaoke provided by Mary Larson and her crew. We hope to see you there!

Time is winding down for the bus trip coming up in October to Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains Show. We still have a few vacancies, so if you're interested, please call the senior center for more details.

Coming up Sept. 19, at 10 a.m.,

Jake from the Alzheimer's Association will be here to give a free presentation entitled Ten Ways to Love Your Brain. Call the senior center at 341-5923 to get signed up so we can have a head count. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

We are down to the last of the Senior Project Fresh coupon books for this season. In order to qualify you have to meet income guidelines, be aged 60 or older, and reside within Schoolcraft County.

Next Thursday, Aug. 15, we will once again have our monthly potluck beginning at 4 p.m. Hope to see you there.

On Oct. 12, we will once again have a bus trip to Munising for the Kountry Klass Variety Band country music concert presented by Munising Moose Lodge No. 1386. Once again, we will be planning to stop for dinner, Dutch treat, be-

forehand and then on to the concert. Keep watching this article for further information and details about signing up.

On Mondays in November and December, Tracie Abram will be here at the center doing a Matter of Balance class. This class is free of charge. Be sure to watch for more information and when to begin signing up for this class.

Schoolcraft County Commission on Aging has a transportation program that is available to seniors aged 60 or older who are unable to provide their own transportation to health-related long-distance medical appointments. We have a pool of volunteer drivers who are ready to assist you in getting to and from the appointments.

Schoolcraft County Commission on Aging also has a Homemaking Program available to qualifying se-

## Senior Center

Jennifer VanDyck

niors aged 60 or older who need assistance with light duty housework. If you or someone you know could benefit from these services, please contact the senior center for more information.

Bridge July 29: First-Audrey Savoie, Second-Gary Shoup, Third-Jackie Bruce, Fourth-Patsy Calhoun, CF-Deb Price.

Bridge Aug. 2: First-Chris Orr, Second-Linda Lowman, Third-Patsy Calhoun, Fourth-Judy Provo, CF-Mary Leonard.

500 Aug. 2: First-Chris Keener, Second-Ruth Jones, Third-Kim Jones, Should'a Stayed Home-Nancy Babbitt.

Birthdays this week: Aug. 9-Tony Martin, Beverly Tufnell, Linda Coa, Aug. 13-Joanne Fagan, Aug. 15-Roberta Smith and Pat Mickelson. Happy birthday wishes to all.



## BIGGER AND BETTER

Courtesy photos  
At top, the Lions Club used their new concession trailer for the first time at the Schoolcraft County Fair July 26. Kathy Rohde, center, made the first purchase from the trailer. Dick Keticik, left, and Paul Bosen, right, handed off the first item. Above, Lions Club members pose for a photo inside the new concession trailer. At bottom, Dr. Shelly D. Baker and staff from the Vision and Learning Center presented a check for \$200 to the Manistique Lions Club to help support their sight assistance programs in the community. The funds were raised from Baker's concession during Folkfest. In the photos, from left to right: Brandi Minor, Chelsea Dennis, Baker, Richard Keticik, Virgil Monroe, and Paul Bosen.



## 1953 for the 66th in 2019

Courtesy photo  
The Manistique High School Class of 1953 recently held their 66th class reunion. Some of those in attendance included, from left: Bob Smith, Barbara Gould, Liz Macklem, Harvard Lancoeur, Earl Johnson, Bill Tufnell, Joanne Schnurer, Bob McNamara, Dorothy Johnson and Donald Aldrich.

## Edibles

for their plants. The window size usually determines the size of your coldframe. Just make sure you can reach all the plants inside. For best results your frame should be higher in the back than the front so water and melting snow can drain off. And if possible, facing south for better warming. The internet and garden books are filled with plans. I prefer the construction-free, all-purpose garden fabrics. Simply drape these floating row covers (season-extending fabrics) over your crops. Anchor the edges with rocks, boards, or wire weights. The fabric traps heat around your plants, but allows air,

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Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden*

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Worship Hall, 551 Garden Ave., Sunday 10 a.m., Public talk and Wednesday study, Tuesday 7 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., Theocratic Ministry School and Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

**MANISTIQUE HARBOR PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD**  
1130 Wilson Ave., 664-4843, Saturday, 7 p.m.

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
200 Oak St., Fr. Benedek, Pastor, Saturday Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Mass 10 a.m., Confessions: Saturday 11 a.m., Conf. 8:30 a.m., Eucharist or Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. Eucharist

**DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Gulfport, MI, Saturday Mass 7 p.m.

**ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Corner of Oak and Range Streets, Weekly worship service Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Family and Friends "Come, pray with us!"

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Prayer for 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

**VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Lutheran of Upper Peninsula, 2000 Industrial Park Facility, 500 Main St., 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Pastor Arthur Stoe

**FAVETE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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**HAWAIIA CHURCH**  
Pastor, Pastor, 5000 2nd, Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m., Sunday and Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

**CEAR GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH**  
Pastor: Rev. John G. Koster, 161, Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning service 11 a.m., Bible Study 7 p.m., Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Youth program, Phone 341-0307.

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**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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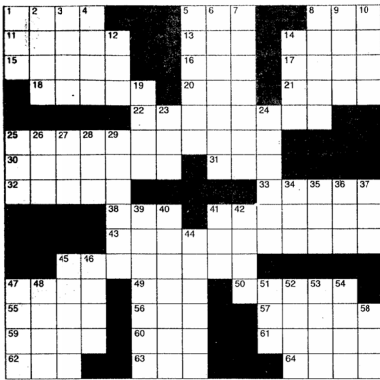
**MARLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH**  
Pastor: Rev. John G. Koster, 161, Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning service 11 a.m., Bible Study 7 p.m., Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Youth program, Phone 341-0307.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
10271 MSM South, Shingleton MI, Sunday 9:30 a.m. Pastor Dick Heist

**LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**  
Marle Grove Senior Center, 161 Main St., Sunday service 11 a.m. Contact Ryan Gilling (919) 758-2965 for more information, www.lighthousechurchministries.com

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Springport, Rev. Paul Malton, service 8:30 a.m.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Social reformer Lucretia
5. Engine additive
8. Where draft beer comes from
11. Skin lesions
13. Denoting one or more things
14. Beloved fish
15. Packaging allowance
16. Surrounds the earth
17. Expresses pleasure
18. 'For goodness...'
20. Liquefied natural gas
21. Paul \_\_\_\_, Swiss painter
22. Benign tumors
25. In an early way
30. Covered with wood
31. Principle underlying the universe
32. Message
33. Become dry through heat
38. Printing speed measurement
41. One who does not succeed
43. Type of agent
45. Type of waste
60. Where golfers begin
61. Western Florida city
62. Belonging to us
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Influential Israeli diplomat
65. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
66. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
67. Midway between northeast and east
68. Swedish castle
69. War-ravaged Syrian city
70. American model Carol
71. Bitterly regret
72. Grand \_\_\_\_, superior grade wine
73. Of/she
74. Olympic champion
75. Lipinski
76. March
77. Less fresh
78. Garden in size
79. Rarden archway
80. Professional translators group (abbr.)
81. Type of pain
82. What to do for the cameras
83. Midway between south and southeast
84. Bangladeshi monetary unit
85. Satisfy
86. Flop
87. Nearsightedness
88. More narcissistic
89. Fencing sword
90. Highest point
91. In addition
92. Hawaiian feast under the circumstances
93. Hillside
94. Metrical foot
95. Winemaking region
96. Someone
97. Fishing vessel (Naut.)
98. Ethnic group of Thailand
99. All puzzle answers are on page 10

SUDOKU
2 5 6 4
1 7 9 2
2 4
4 1
9 7
6 3 8
3 1 9
Level: Intermediate

Word Search
18th HOLE WORD SEARCH
AIMING BREAK CLUBS GRIP
ALIGNMENT BUNKER DIVOT LOFT
BACKSWING CADDIE DOWNSWING PUTTER
BALANCE CARRY DRIVER RANGE
BIRDIE CHIP EAGLE SKULLED
BOGEY CHUNK FAIRWAY STANCE

CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!
Solve the code to discover words related to goat.
Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 20 = e)
21 14 3 11
1 20
17 14 4 2 8 20
25 3 12 13 20 2 8

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Above, a side view of Narco's new protective vest. The vest is intended to protect the MPSD K9 from bullet and stab wounds.

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News Brief

SOS Mobile Office will be at state fair

ESCANABA - Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson recently announced the Secretary of State Mobile Office will visit the Upper Peninsula State Fair from Monday, Aug. 12, through Sunday, Aug. 18.
The state fairsgrounds are in Escanaba. The Mobile Office will be in the Ruth Butler Building and will be open from 9-11 a.m. Monday and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.
The Mobile Office offers most services available at a regular office. Visitors can renew their license plate tabs and driver's licenses, register to vote, change their address and sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Jail options

'For the last two years, we have been operating in the red and depleting our revenue reserves,' Reiter stated in his report. 'If this is allowed to continue, we will be looking at reducing services or layoffs in the near future.'
He also stated that the contract for housing inmates at Alger County would allow Schoolcraft County deputies to focus on road patrol instead of the jail, and that Alger County officials have expressed interest in employing some of the jail employees who would potentially be displaced if the Schoolcraft County jail closed.
The next steps in the process of closing the jail and contracting with Alger County, according to Reiter, would involve the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

signing an agreement to enter into the contract and voting to acquire bond services to pursue the USDA Rural Development Loans. Reiter noted that if the board promptly approves entering the contract, Alger County would be ready to house inmates by the summer of 2020.
The jail committee has also been exploring the cost of constructing a new jail. Last November, Schoolcraft County voters turned down the county's request for a three-mill levy on property taxes, for a period of 20 years, to fund the construction, operation, furnishing, and equipping of a new Schoolcraft County Jail, as well as the continuation of the sheriff's road patrol. The request was intended to fund the \$7.1 million renovation of the former armory building on New

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Elm Street and provide an additional \$899,000 to construct a holding area at the Schoolcraft County Courthouse for inmates being transported to court hearings.
A new construction option, labeled as "Option A-3" outlines the demolition and replacement of the current Schoolcraft County Jail. The new jail would be built on the existing site and use an "inmate housing pod" model. It would also include areas such as inmate intake and booking, inmate medical, a sheriff's office, and a patrol garage.
The estimated cost for constructing jail Option A-3 is \$7.7 million.
The current Schoolcraft County Jail was built in 1957 and, according to Reiter's document, is the third worst jail in Michigan based on Michigan Department of Corrections inspections.
For more information about the current jail conditions, view the October 2018 Pioneer Tribune article at www.pioneertribune.com/articles/leaving-the-past-behind/.

Brew festival

'This event is being sponsored by the Manistique Elks Lodge No. 632. All proceeds will go to support your local Elks Club,' explained Hook. 'As Elks we pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth,

with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks pledge to never forget our veterans; help support our communities.'
For more information, visit www.hopsontheharbor.com or follow Hops on the Harbor on Facebook.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
HIAWATHA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HEARING ON BUDGET- FY 2019-2020
The Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Schoolcraft County office of Hiawatha Behavioral Health, located at 125 N. Lake St., Manistique, MI 49854 to receive public comment on the Hiawatha Behavioral Health FY 2019-20 budget.
A copy of the budget will be available for inspection at each HBH location:
• 125 N. Lake St., Manistique, MI 49854
• 114 Elliot St., St. Ignace, MI 49781
• 3865 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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9:00 am - 1:00 pm\* ONLY
Schoolcraft County Fair Building
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• Limited to Schoolcraft county residents/landowners only
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Donations (\$1 per tire suggested) to Schoolcraft Conservation District will be accepted and are appreciated to help defray costs, but are not required.
You will be asked to provide your name and address.
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MANISTIQUE YOUTH FOOTBALL
Sign Up and Equipment Pickup
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6:30-7:30 PM
Manistique High School Main Entrance
Grades 6, 7 and 8
• Youth must have a current sports physical on file with M.H.S or bring a copy for us to keep. Youth cannot practice without a current physical.
• A parent or guardian and youth must sign the Michigan Department of Community Health Concussion Awareness form.
• Youth must complete three days of conditioning practice prior to any contact practice, attendance will be taken.
• Practice starts Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at the practice field; bring helmet, mouth guard and football shoes. If you don't have football shoes, bring running shoes.
Special note on proper hydration: This starts way before practice. If you show up dehydrated, practice will only make it worse and you will lose valuable time on the field. Come ready to practice.
Cost is the same as last year \$50, \$80 for two (same family)

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

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

11:44 a.m., safety concern, Manistique Avenue.  
12:10 p.m., electrical fire, Elm Street.  
1:45 p.m., department assist, Spellmacher Road.  
2:15 p.m., ATV complaint, Manistique Avenue.  
3:10 p.m., breaking and entering, Gero Street.  
4:15 p.m., citizen assist, Delta Avenue.  
8:20 p.m., harassment, S. Mackinac Ave.  
9:46 p.m., found pill, Deer Street.

**Monday, July 22, 2019**

7:35 a.m., animal complaint, Oak Street.  
9:15 a.m., fuel drive off, W. Lakeshore Drive.  
10:40 a.m., suspicious situation, S. Mackinac Avenue.  
11:45 a.m., breaking and entering, Park Avenue.  
3:29 p.m., lock out, Thompson Township.  
5:15 p.m., lock out, Chippewa Avenue.  
6:50 p.m., lock out, E. Lakeshore Drive.

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

12:40 p.m., PDA, Deer Street.  
4:50 p.m., animal complaint, E. Lakeshore Drive.  
5:10 p.m., suspicious person, River Street.  
5:56 p.m., lock out, River Street.  
11:00 p.m., lock out, W. Lakeshore Drive.

**Wednesday, July 24, 2019**

12:05 p.m., lock out, River Street.  
2:30 p.m., lock out, NB. Second Street.  
5:43 p.m., water leak, N. Mackinac Avenue.  
9:15 p.m., MDOP, S. Cedar Street.  
1:00 a.m., animal complaint, Arbutus Avenue.  
2:49 a.m., loose dogs, N. Cedar Street.

**Thursday, July 25, 2019**

8:15 a.m., larceny of solar lights, N. Third Street.  
11:00 a.m., elder abuse, within the city.  
11:20 a.m., breaking and entering, Alger Avenue.  
3:30 p.m., found property, E. Lakeshore Drive.  
3:53 p.m., civil standby, E. Elk Street.  
3:54 p.m., suspicious situation, Michigan Avenue.  
7:00 p.m., trespassing, Arbutus Avenue.  
6:00 p.m., breaking and entering, N. Mackinac Avenue.

**Friday, July 26, 2019**

12:32 p.m., traffic complaint, S. Maple Street.  
4:05 p.m., safety hazard, city boardwalk.  
3:00 p.m., lost property, U.S. 2.  
9:30 p.m., larceny, Lake Street.  
11:45 p.m., fireworks complaint,

**Manistique Public Safety Department**

Thompson Township.  
**Thursday, August 1, 2019**  
11:10 a.m., suspicious situation, Arbutus Avenue.  
1:15 p.m., found keys, Tannery Road.  
6:29 p.m., suspicious situation, Gero Street.  
11:58 p.m., suspicious situation, Gero Street.

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**  
12:45 p.m., safety concern, Range Street.  
7:30 p.m., harassment, Park Avenue.  
9:25 p.m., found wallet, E. Lakeshore Drive.  
11:45 p.m., civil issue, Park Avenue.  
11:45 p.m., citizen assist, within the city.

**Friday, August 2, 2019**  
12:20 p.m., animal complaint, W. Elk Street.  
1:47 p.m., suspicious person, Lake Street.  
5:03 p.m., long grass, Manistique Avenue.  
12:47 a.m., civil, Deer Street.

**Saturday, August 3, 2019**  
1:30 p.m., lock out, E. Lakeshore Drive.  
5:50 p.m., harassment, within the city.  
9:08 p.m., fire alarm, Arbutus Avenue.  
11:25 p.m., disturbing the peace, Traders Point Drive.  
11:25 p.m., threats, within the city.  
12:20 a.m., PDA, E. Lakeshore Drive.

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**  
11:37 a.m., structure fire, Deer Street.  
3:00 p.m., suspicious situation, Gero Street.  
5:50 p.m., safety hazard, City Park.

**Monday, August 5, 2019**  
9:00 a.m., suspicious situation, W. Elk Street.  
2:40 p.m., juvenile problem, Alger Avenue.  
3:38 p.m., civil, S. Cedar Street.  
4:00 p.m., reckless driver, within the city.  
5:49 p.m., lock out, N. Houghton Avenue.  
10:20 p.m., MDOP, Traders Point Drive.  
2:02 a.m., MDOP/assault, Deer Street.  
5:38 a.m., open door, Chippewa Avenue.

**Monday, July 29, 2019**  
11:29 a.m., department assist, Manistique Township.  
12:40 p.m., lock out, N. Houghton Avenue.  
4:34 p.m., two car PIA, U.S. 2 at S. Cedar Street.  
9:00 p.m., suspicious situation, Lake Street.

**Tuesday, July 30, 2019**  
10:00 a.m., disturbing the peace, Trader's Point Drive.  
4:40 p.m., Life Line alarm, New Elm Street.  
7:30 p.m., larceny, Cherry St.  
9:00 p.m., suspicious situation, Traders Point Drive.

**Wednesday, July 31, 2019**  
10:30 a.m., loose dog, N. Houghton Avenue.  
2:05 p.m., suspicious situation, Michigan Avenue.  
2:50 p.m., train derailment, Tannery Road.  
8:16 p.m., missing person, Range Street.  
9:17 p.m., assault, N. Maple Street.  
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**SPACED OUT**

Courtesy photos  
A Universe of Stories, Summer Reading Program 2019, was deemed a success by the Manistique School and Public Library. Approximately 330 children enjoyed the kick-off this year at Emerald Elementary and 139 children attended the programs over the past five weeks (60 children on average for each session). This year, the library more than doubled the amount of children who turned in Reading Logs, with 27 turning them in and logging a total of 670 books/chapters. The Summer Reading Camp for children five and under with an adult was also deemed a success, averaging 25 kids and 13 adults per session. The camp was coordinated by Schoolcraft County Great Start, lead by Christi Ryan, and funded by the Manistique Rotary Club. At top left, a child poses for a photo in a green screen photo booth with a space-themed background. At top right, children participate in an astronaut glove box to see how astronauts conduct experiments with zero gravity in outer space. At bottom right, "Papa Crow" performs with the help of an assistant.



Matthew Joseph Michaels, 23, N. Fifth Street, Manistique, charged with impeding traffic (7/19). Assessed \$115.  
Erich Andrew Fix, 30, Beckman Road, Manistique, charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone (7/19). Assessed \$115.  
Glenn Allen LaVance, 64, Delta Avenue, Manistique, charged with no proof of insurance (7/19). Assessed \$25.

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### The DNR's Great Lakes Enforcement Unit on patrol

By Katie Gervasi  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

LANSING — The day begins hours before sunrise. Gear, food and water are packed. Preferably leaving the dock by 4 a.m., conservation officers in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Great Lakes Enforcement Unit are ready to tackle the day, often logging 16-hour shifts, traveling up to 150 miles in the patrol vessel they refer to as their "office."

Conservation officers with the unit enforce state rules and laws regulating state and tribal-licensed commercial anglers. The officers are also responsible for monitoring commercial fish wholesale operations that occur on land.

Coming from the ranks within the DNR's Law Enforcement Division, conservation officers in the unit acquire additional skills and training related to their job function.

"Our job is to protect the resource," said Cpl. Marvin Gerlach, a conservation officer with the unit. "We want every child to have the same experience that their parents or grandparents were able to have — for young anglers to have the rush of excitement when they catch their first big fish."

"Without regulations, anyone could overfish. We want to protect fish stocks to ensure the future of the commercial fishing industry and the sport."

Conservation officer responsibilities in patrolling the commercial fishing industry include inspecting nets, docked vessels

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### Sports Brief

#### Four-person Garden Golf Shoot Out set for Aug. 31

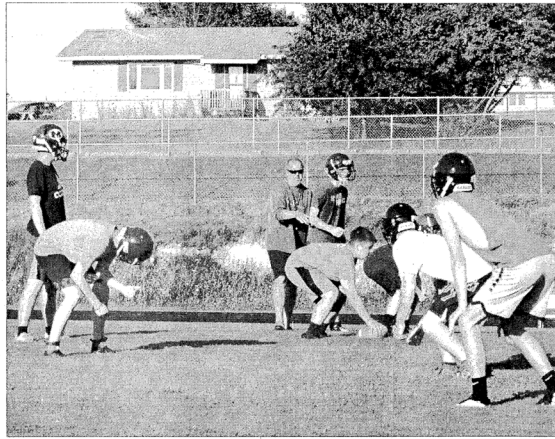
GARDEN — The Garden Golf Shoot Out will take place Aug. 31.

The four-person 18-hole event will have a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Cost to participate is \$120. Carts are not included.

Highlights of the event include: Door prize for each golfer; \$1,000 in cash donations up for grabs; cash prizes for top team in each flight; and food will be provided by Side Tracked Restaurant.

Sponsors of the event include: Side Tracked, Garden Mini Mart, The Dock, Old Homestead Construction, Creative Composites, Heritage Sustainable Energy, D&L Gemel and Sons, mBank, Big Bay de Noc Fisheries, and the Pioneer Tribune.

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The Manistique Emerald 2019 football season gets underway Aug. 12. Athletes will have their first practice this coming Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Emeralds' first game of the season will be on the road against Ishpeming Aug. 30. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. The Emeralds are pictured above during a recent training with Bark River.

### MHSAA issues heat management reminders ahead of fall practices

EAST LANSING, Mich. — While this summer may have seemed to arrive late in many parts of Michigan, the warm and sunny weather over these last few weeks has provided another reminder that student-athletes must prepare for training in hot weather that traditionally accompanies the beginning of August as Michigan High School Athletic Association member schools prepare to begin fall sports practices this month.

Each year, the MHSAA provides information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions during the late summer and early fall. Practices for cross country, football, Lower Peninsula girls golf, boys soccer and Lower Peninsula boys and girls tennis can begin Aug. 12, with volleyball and Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving able to start Aug. 14.

The "Health and Safety" page of the MHSAA Website (<https://www.mhsaa.com/Schools/Health-Safety-Resources>) has a number of links to various publications and information including guidelines for acclimatization from the National Athletic Trainers' Association and recommendations on proper hydration from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The pre-season publica-

tion Heat Ways also is available for download and includes valuable information on heat management in addition to requirements and resources regarding head injuries and sudden cardiac arrest.

The first days of formal practices in hot weather should be more for heat acclimatization than the conditioning of athletes, and practices in such conditions need planning to become longer and more strenuous over a gradual progression of time. Schools also must consider moving practices to different locations or different times of day, or change practice plans to include different activities depending on the conditions. Furthermore, football practice rules allow for only helmets to be worn during the first two days, only shoulder pads to be added on the third and fourth days, and full pads to not be worn until the fifth day of team practice.

The MHSAA advises student-athletes to make sure to hydrate all day long — beginning before practice, continuing during and after practice is done. Water and properly-formulated sports drinks are the best choices for hydration, while energy drinks, high-carbohydrate fruit juices (greater than eight percent carb content), carbonated and caffeinated beverages are among those that should be avoided.

A number of member schools

follow the MHSAA's Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity, which while not mandated for member schools was adopted as a rule for MHSAA postseason competition in 2013. The plan directs schools to begin monitoring the heat index at the activity site once the air temperature reaches 80 degrees, and provides recommendations when the heat index reaches certain points, including ceasing activities when it rises above 104 degrees. (When the temperature is below 80 degrees, there is no combination of heat and humidity that will result in a need to curtail activity.) The model heat and humidity policy is outlined in a number of places on the MHSAA Website, including as part of Heat Ways.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.



Courtesy photo

Big Boy team members, Matt Clark, Killian Dillon, and Alex Shepley attack the ball during a recent match

### Manistique Youth Soccer nears end of 2019 season

MANISTIQUE — Manistique Area Youth Soccer is heading into the end of their season. According to MAYS president, Sheila Clark, the season has been a success.

"The season has been going well for all of the teams," said Clark. "Everyone has had success on the field and having a lot of fun. The kids have been learning a lot this summer. Along with improving their soccer skills the kids have been learning a lot of life lessons."

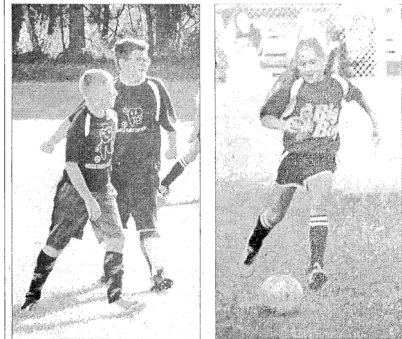
Although soccer remains a competitive sport, the athletes take much more than that from the game.

"Manistique Area Youth Soccer tries to make games as competitive as possible, but also realizes that the real importance of youth sports

is the life lessons it teaches," stated Clark. "Years from now these kids won't remember whether they won or lost games, but their character will be forever changed by their experiences out on the field. Kids learn how to work as a team, they build friendships and most importantly they learn to win graciously and lose with dignity."

The ISU State Savings Bank squad will wrap up their 2019 schedule playing against the Garden/Manising team tonight in Garden at 6:30 p.m.

At home on the soccer field located in the Lindsay Frenetic Park, 9U teams Maline Chiropactic and Manistique Oil will compete against each other at 6:30 p.m.



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At left, Griffin Maline and Masyn Tryan wait for a throw in. At right, Mays Carlson dribbling the ball.

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and commercial fish facilities and enforcing laws against illegal fishing activity involving unlawful gear, fishing out of season, the illegal taking of species and sizes, overharvesting fish and aquatic invasive species.

Additionally, conservation officers must be prepared to manage any kind of situation that occurs on the water, keeping in mind that they may be miles from shore.

Thousands of commercial fishing licenses used to represent the employment of tens of thousands of individuals active in Michigan's commercial fishing industry.

"In 1967, approximately 400 fishers grossed \$10,000-\$12,000 per year," said Gerlach, a veteran conservation officer with more than 32 years of experience. "By 1977, anglers fishing under roughly 140 commercial fishing licenses were grossing \$70,000 per year, each."

In 2017, the total value of the take for state-licensed commercial fishers was \$4 million.

Today, there are 49 state commercial fishing licenses, which tend to be passed down within longtime commercial fishing families, generation to generation. New commercial fishing licenses are no longer issued.

Seth Herbst, a DNR aquatic species and regulatory affairs unit manager, provided some historical context of the industry.

"In the late 1800s and early 1900s, fish populations in the Great Lakes were plentiful and commercial fishing flourished. However, through time, fish populations declined as the result of overfishing," Herbst said. "The threats to fish populations in the Great Lakes continued because of the introduction of invasive species and pollution concerns. These threats led to population declines and dramatically reduced commercial harvest. The current fishery is a fraction of what it was historically, but threats to fish populations persist."

Michigan's current commercial fishing laws date back to 1929, when the Michigan Legislature enacted statutes that required licenses, created a fee structure, regulated how, when, where and what fish species could be taken, set minimum size limits, mandated harvest reporting and established penalties for those caught violating the law.

"Today, the commercial fishing laws are outdated and need to be updated to meet the modern needs of protecting fish populations," Herbst said. "For example, current fines for any commercial fishing violation result in a maximum fine of \$100 — a significant amount of cash 90 years ago, but not a substantial deterrent in 2019."

Illegal fishing activity takes away from the next generation's ability to enjoy the natural resource and hurts the industry. Overfishing one year can impact the industry for years to come, by decreasing the spawning population.

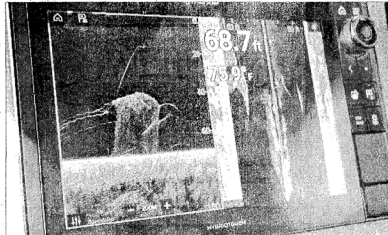
Conservation officers have established a rapport with many families who possess commercial fishing licenses. Each commercial fish license allows the business to fish a designated section of the Great Lakes, helping to prevent territorial issues and overfishing.

On the water, conservation officers check netting activity and any commercial fishing vessels they encounter. The officers use digital plotting charts to mark buoys and nets.

Using advanced sonar and radar technology, conservation officers can distinguish objects in the water, including schools of fish and the different types of nets, such as trap and gill nets.



Above left, Great Lakes Enforcement Unit Conservation Officer Mike Hammill inspects a state commercial fishing boat. At top right, Conservation Officer Marvin Gerlach documents a net that was inspected. At bottom right, using advanced sonar and radar technology, conservation officers can distinguish objects in the water, including schools of fish and the different types of nets, such as trap and gill. Shown in this photo is a trap net, almost 69 feet underwater.



Photos courtesy DNR

Legal buoys and nets are marked with a tag, identifying the license holder. This is particularly helpful in identifying signs of illegal fishing activity or in finding an owner if a net becomes unsecured and floats loose, which can create a dangerous situation.

"Unfortunately, nets do break loose from their anchors," said Lt. Terry Short, another conservation officer with the unit. "Nets that break loose may float a (gooc) distance from where they originated and can float at or just under the surface of the water, making them very dangerous for boaters and anglers."

"Over the years, there have been a number of incidents involving boaters who have become entangled in stray nets on the Great Lakes. These incidents have resulted in boaters being thrown from their vessels into the water, capsized boats, personal injuries and even fatalities."

Short emphasizes that it's important to know where you are boating and being aware of where nets are placed by watching for buoys.

"The water can create visual illusions — particularly when on the Great Lakes," Short said. "It's important to have an alert, experienced vessel operator. Always be on the lookout for objects floating at or near the surface of the water and make sure you have a United States Coast Guard-approved life jacket for the activity you are doing."

Conservation officers emphasize safety as the number one priority for all anglers and boaters.

Boaters, anglers and divers often play an important role in reporting drifting nets or other hazards, which

the unit investigates.

On July 12, unit conservation officers pulled approximately 2,000 feet of gill net from a shipwreck in Lake Michigan, located three miles offshore from Schoolcraft County.

Divers who had found and reported the net assisted conservation officers by attaching a line to the net and running it to the surface for the officers to pull, using equipment on their patrol vessel.

When conservation officers encounter commercial fishing boats, they inspect the catch, paperwork and equipment.

"The people in this industry have been doing this for such a long time, and for the most part, abide by the regulations," said Gerlach. "We know most of them, they mostly know us — it's a business relationship."

Tribal commercial fishers have more authorized territory where they can fish and are permitted to use additional equipment and tactics. Unit officers work closely with tribal law enforcement to ensure regulations are being followed and to educate non-tribal anglers about each license-holder's treaty fishing rights.

After the fall fishing season, conservation officers with the unit spend time on land inspecting wholesaler facility records and continue vessel inspections. They also follow-up on any leads of illegal activity they may have suspected when they were on the water.

In 2018, a federal court case was adjudicated involving a state-licensed wholesaler. The DNR collaborated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the multistate,

undercover investigation, nicknamed "Fishing for Funds." The agencies investigated the illegal commercialization of fish from the Great Lakes.

As a result of the two-year investigation, a state-licensed wholesaler pleaded guilty, was sentenced to four

months in federal prison and ordered to pay up to \$270,000 in restitution for selling over 5,000 pounds of illegally harvested lake trout and falsifying records.

In addition, several other successful prosecutions for various illegal activities that were being conducted within the industry resulted from the investigation.

Working from their offshore office space and in onshore investigations, conservation officers of the DNR's Great Lakes Enforcement Unit are responsible for protecting the Great Lakes commercial fishing industry for future generations — not just for future anglers, but fish consumers as well.

Anyone who witnesses or suspects a natural resources violation is asked to report it immediately by calling or texting the DNR's Report All Poaching hotline at (800) 292-7800. DNR dispatchers are always available. Individuals reporting tips may remain anonymous and may qualify for a reward if supplied information leads to the arrest and conviction of a poacher.

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## Smokey Bear celebrates '75th'

GLADSTONE — The USDA Forest Service and its partners are offering super opportunities to celebrate Smokey Bear's 75th birthday in August.

On Aug. 9, Smokey Bear's official birthday, festivities will occur at the following locations:

**St. Ignace** — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will host a family-friendly birthday party at Straits State Park in St. Ignace from 1-3 p.m. The event will feature a fire truck open house, fire-prevention games, refreshments and a chance to meet Smokey Bear.

**Rapid River** — The Hiawatha National Forest will conduct a Jr. Ranger Program from 4-5 p.m. at the Little Bay de Noc Campground. Stick around from 7-8 p.m. for "What Did Smokey Say?" — an exploration of Smokey Bear's wild-



Smokey Bear waves to visitors from the toll station at the Mackinac Bridge. Photo courtesy DNR

fire prevention messages.

**Oscoda** — The Huron-Manistee National Forests will host a Smokey Bear birthday party at Lumberman's Monument from 1-3

p.m. This free event will feature children's activities, face painting, live music and birthday cake.

**Detroit** — The USDA Forest Service and Smokey Bear will

celebrate 75 years of wildfire prevention as the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals at Comerica Park. The game starts at 7:10 p.m. Fans can stay after the game for a Smokey Bear baseball giveaway.

On the Hiawatha National Forest, additional festivities will occur on Aug. 24:

**Shingleton** — Smokey Bear's Birthday party will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service's Clear Lake Education Center. It's a party and you're invited! The party will be held in conjunction with a Clear Lake Education Center open house hosted by the Clear Lake Stewards Group.

Since 1944, Smokey Bear has reminded the American public that "Only you can prevent wildfires." Smokey's signature slogan refers to the fact that nine out of ten wildfires nationwide are human-caused and thus preventable.

### Outdoors Briefs

#### Meteors and S'mores set at Indian Lake State Park

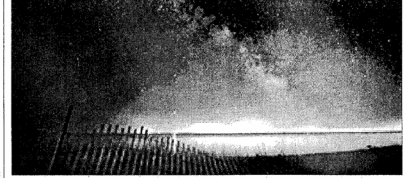


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**MANISTIQUE** — Enjoy magnificent views of the Perseid meteor shower during "Meteors and S'mores" in participating parks, including Indian Lake State Park, Aug. 3-14.

The Perseid meteor shower is one of the best opportunities to see shooting stars with the naked eye. Bring blankets, seating, bug spray and snacks and enjoy a night of stargazing — campers and visitors are all welcome. Complimentary

s'mores and campfires are part of the celebration. Designated viewing areas and viewing times will be specified at each park.

The Indian Lake State Park - Meteors and S'mores event will take place Aug. 10 on the beach of the park, with an explorer guide will educating participants on the night sky.

For a list of Meteors and S'mores locations and other dark sky events, visit Michigan.gov/DarkSky.

#### Virtual swim, run events for 'Heart MI' now available

**LANSING** — Enjoy the wonders of Michigan's woods and waters with Epic Races' Heart MI virtual races. Registration is now open for two virtual races: Heart MI Lake and Heart MI Run. Swimmers can participate in Heart MI Lake, a virtual swim, now until Aug. 12. Not a swimmer? Heart MI Run, a virtual running race, kicks off Aug. 15 and

goes through Oct. 15. A virtual race can be done at any time and any location. You can run/swim at your own pace with two virtual races: Heart MI Lake and Heart MI Run. Swimmers can participate in Heart MI Lake, a virtual swim, now until Aug. 12. Not a swimmer? Heart MI Run, a virtual running race, kicks off Aug. 15 and goes through Oct. 15.

#### Fayette State Park's 'Heritage Day' set for Aug. 10



Photo courtesy DNR

**FAYETTE** — Fayette Historic State Park in Delta County comes to life during Fayette Heritage Day, Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At this free annual event, you'll hear authentic 19th-century music and see a blacksmith operating a real forge.

Kids can discover the joy of old-fashioned outdoor fun as they take part in three-legged races, sack

races and lawn croquet. They can even play with reproduction 19th-century toys.

Attendees also can watch or participate in a game of old-time baseball. Anyone 13 years old or older can be on the park visitor team, which takes on the Fayette home team. It's 1860s-style baseball, so that means no gloves, no swearing, and a bell rings for every run.

### From the Forester

Bill Cook



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Heavily-browsed maple sprouts at the end of a leave top pile. About four feet into the pile are healthy, unbrowsed maple sprouts.

Logging debris (slash) left on the ground can be ugly but, in some cases, may serve a valuable purpose. Many areas of Michigan are afflicted with a lack of adequate tree regeneration due to deer browsing. High slash piles may help protect those vulnerable seedlings and saplings.

For decades, foresters were encouraged to leave clean sites and use all merchantable material during timber harvest operations. A massive study on northern hardwood forest regeneration may change that practice.

Researchers have begun a large experiment in Michigan to test different ways to regenerate tree species that deer like to browse. On some sites, regeneration of yellow birch, basswood, and sugar maple has been nearly absent for decades.

The project adopted two general approaches to encourage recruitment into the overstory. One approach is to flood an area with so much regeneration that enough desired trees make it to the overstory. The other approach is to use logging tops as barriers that restrict deer access. (Photo 1)

Admittedly, the result does not look pretty, resulting in a tangle of downed tree tops, but it may offer one solution to help desirable tree species regenerate in areas with heavy deer use.

The study involves 140 30-acre sites ranging from Grayling to the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula. Half of those sites include the "leave tops" prescription. Loggers were asked to leave tops that were over nine inches in diameter, and then overlay the tops to create a tangle that will, hopefully, deter deer. Unfortunately, these sites are ugly and difficult to walk through, but hold promise for tree regeneration (photo 2).

Research technicians are collecting data on deer behavior on these sites. Although preliminary results suggest success, deer are pretty persistent (Photo 3). Unless large material is left, the slash may not last long enough for the new trees to grow tall enough to evade the deer. Additionally, deer and hare exclosures were built on 24 leave-top sites. Therefore, we can com-

pare how the tree tops are functioning to an area we know that deer and hare can't access. We won't know the official results of all of these treatments until the trees are big enough to release from the deer browse zone (about 10 years for

some species). However, the research partners are committed to the long-term monitoring to answer this important question.

Interestingly, research from other parts of the world suggests that tree tops function better at deterring

deer when deer predators are in the vicinity. The thought is that predators (like wolves) change deer behavior in that deer avoid dense tangles, presumably because they are more vulnerable to being trapped. Our study will be able to document this effect in that we are recording deer and other wildlife use with remote cameras on our sites.

The "leave top" prescription is ugly, and reduces the amount of merchantable timber produced. However, if successful regeneration of these highly valuable northern hardwood forests is the result, then this is a sound investment. So, the next time you are walking through the Michigan woods and come across a site that looks ugly because of the amount of residual material left, remember that it may be part of this innovative research project to help produce a beautiful northern hardwood forest of the future.

This long-term study is being conducted in cooperation with Michigan State University, the Michigan DNR, the forest products industry, and Safari Club International, Michigan Involvement Committee. For more information, contact Gary Roloff (roloff@msu.edu) or Mike Walters (mwalters@msu.edu).

Gary Roloff is a researcher with Michigan State University.

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