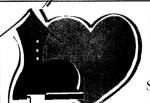
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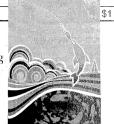


Walk for Warmth Feb. 25

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Here, fishy. It's free fishing weekend

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News Briefs

Residents encouraged to participate in Feb. 25 walk

MANISTIQUE — The "Walk for Warmth" fundraiser to help Schoolcraft County residents who face heating emergencies is scheduled Feb. 25. The short walk will take place at 9 a.m. at the Manistique Senior Center.

Registration will take place from 8-9 a.m. with the short, symbolic walk to follow.

For those who may not care to walk, there is also a continental breakfast served from 8-9 a.m. with free will offerings accepted.

Support can be given in any of the

- following ways:

 Donating money

 Going for breakfast and making a
- Soliciting pledges and turning them in
- Walking on Feb. 25 by yourself or as part of a group
 Encourage others to participate

Encourage others to participate
 Taking up a group collection
 Every collar raised in Schoolcraft
 County is used to provide heat assistance
 to Schoolcraft County residents.
 Since 2012, 353,173 has been raised by
 the Schoolcraft County Walk for Warmth,
 assisting 148 households in Schoolcraft
 County.

Spring weight restrictions now in effect on roadways

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Transportation and local agencies are enacting additional annual spring weight

restrictions to protect roads.

Effective at noon Feb. 17, weight restrictions will be imposed and enforced on all state trunkline highways from the Michigan/Indiana and Michigan/Ohio state lines north to and including the

Mackinac Bridge. State routes typically carry M, I, or U.S. designations.

All travel underway prior to noon Feb. 17, may continue until the curfew hour of one half-hour past sunset.

In the restricted areas, the following will

(designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map), there will be no reduction in legal axle weights.

- On routes designated as "seasonal" (designated in solid or dashed red on the MDOT Track Operators Map), there will be a posted weight reduction of 25 percent for rigid (concrete) pavements and 35

for rigid (concrete) pavements and 35 percent for flexible (asphalt) pavements.

j. - All extended permits will be valid for oversize loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Single-trip permits will not be issued for any overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width, 11 axles and 150 feet in overall length on

the restricted routes.

County road commissions and city public works departments put in place their own seasonal weight restrictions, which usually, but not always, coincide with state highway weight restrictions. Signs are generally posted to indicate which routes have weight restrictions in

For weight restriction information and ror weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or access this information on MDOT's website at www.michigan.gov/truckers, under "Restrictions." All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which is available online. Those interested may also may sign up to receive email alerts.

A road to nowhere?: HBH asking city to take ownership of property

MANISTIQUE - Manistique City matter with council. Council members are considering the possibility of taking on an additional stretch of road within the city. The proposal from a local business was discussed during the

a local business was unsetseed unting the council's regular meeting Monday.

According to City Manager Sheila Aldrich, the city recently fielded a request from Hiawatha Behavioral Health to asfrom Hawatta Benavioral Health to as-sume ownership of a "travelled portion" of their property. This roadway extends off of Lake Street and offers entrance to not only HBH, but also to two residences, the back entrances of a dentist office, a fitness center, a home health and hospice center, a rehabilitation center, the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility, and the former Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital site. The other roadway owned by HBH leads to the Schoolcraft Centry Fair Building and a coffelial field.

and a softball field. and a softball held.
Aldrich noted that the proposal had appeared once before in front of council, but that questions had been raised. For that reason, she pointed out that Dan McKinney, CEO of HBH, was on hand to discuss the

McKinney began by thanking council for taking "due diligence" with the issue.

"Conveyance of real property is a serious matter and I understand how careful you have to be with that," he said. "What we hope to demonstrate ... is that the pro-posed transaction – the conveying of the two extensions of Lake Street to council will be a benefit to all.

McKinney explained council had previously questioned whether a private residence impedes the roadway. He presented council members with a land survey to show it does not.

The second issue council members raised upon first hearing of the proposal was the potential cost to bring the road-way to standard. Currently, the roadway is

riddled with potholes and cracks.
"We (the HBH board) have put out for "We (the HBH board) have put out tor bids, the bids have been returned, and the board has accepted a bid – repair is sched-uled for May," McKinney said, adding that a construction company used in the past by the city, and whose bid was accepted



for both parking lot and roadway repairs, estimates the roadway update to cost approximately \$15,000. "It's normal street

Above, the roadway leading to HBH from Lake Street is shown

HBH would cover the cost to bring the road up to specification and then hand it over to the city, McKinney explained. The city would then only have to perform

HBH road request continued on A7

Little library, big heart Resident lends a hand by offering passers by books, meals

MANISTIQUE -There are times in life when a little boost is needed
whether it be in the form of a good
book or a warm meal. Sometimes,
these boosts come in little packages, or, in the case of one determined resident, a "little free library"

ident, a "little free library".

As follower of the "pay it forward" ideology, Jenny VanDyck stumbled upon the idea to offer her fellow community members services without requiring any eligibility tests or contact. What eventually came to be known as the "Happy Home Little Free Library" would offer books, meals, hats, mittens – whatever she could offer to passersby in need.

"It thought this would be kind of cool for here, because we — all the

cool for here, because we - all the time – have kids going up and down the road," she said. "Inevitably, be-cause I have so many kids, everyone ends up at my house anyway, so we came up with this ... little house that's made from a bookcase and has a little glass front on it. People can just come by and grab whatever they

Initially, VanDyck said the case contained only books, but she even-tually identified the opportunity to

'Whenever I saw 'free little pantries', I'm like, of course, why not?," she explained. "I bundled stuff together like spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce – something that would be really quick to grab and be really simple, even for kids, to fix."

For now, the little library and pan-

Ploneer Tribune photo Above, the daughter of resident Jenny VanDyck recently stocks the Happy Home Little Free Library Continued on A7 for any residents who may need a good book or meal this winter. Little library



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Feb. 16 - Stop the Traffic Manistique Middle and High School, 7 p.m Feb. 17-19 - 25th annual

Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show and Ride, Naubinway Feb. 18,19 – 18th annual MacDonald Lake Ice Fishing Derby, MacDonald Lake in

Gulliver Feb. 25 - Community Action Agency's Walk for Warmth, Manistique Senior Center parking lot, 9 a.m

Feb. 25 – Snofest and Little Jiggers Kids Fishing Derby, Manistique Central Park, 9 a.m. registration, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Feb. 25 - Frosty 5K Run/ Walk, Manistique Central Park, 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. race

Feb. 25 - Cardboard Classic e Manisti Park Sledding Hill, 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 25 – Millecoquins Lake Winter Carnival, Lake Boulevard in Engadine, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 4 - Fiks Chili Manistique Elks Club, 5-11 p.m.

March 5 - St. Mary's Bingo and Raffle, Cooks New Town Hall, 1 p.m..



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Wanda Nowak Thanks for reading!







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LETTERS TO THE **EDITOR**

Dear Editor, What the confirmation of Betsy DeVos means for education

Devos means for education:
Today, educators and parents
everywhere were exasperated at
the confirmation of Betsy DeVos
as Secretary of Education. I think
we can all agree education is
important to all of us regardless of
political edition.

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DeVos is a billionaire heiress who has never attended a public school or enrolled a child in one. She has never taught or worked inside a public school. She had becauted and advacated for private. donated and advocated for private schools.

voucher system she advocates would take money away from public schools in order to subsidize private schools that are not required to accept all students. subsidization of private schools would reduce resources for public schools and leave behind children with disabilities and

children in rural areas.

Many in Northern Michigan
are hard-working middle class families who rely on public schools to provide their children with the education and opportunities the deserve. Today, their education and opportunities are in the hands of a billionaire who can't relate to our communities and who lacks the proper experience in public education to know what's best for our children.

Thank you, **Hudson Twp**

SHF seeking event partner

MARQUETTE - The Superior mission to partner with for an upcoming event.

The Superior Health Foundation annual fundraising golf event will be held June 16 at the Marquette Golf Club. Proceeds from the golf scramble

Proceeds from the golf scramble will benefit SHF and a health-centered non-profit in the Upper Perinsula selected by the SHF Special Events Committee and endorsed by the SHF Board of Directors.

SHF will award up to \$5,000

to an organization selected whose project aligns with its mission

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In 2016, the Superior Health
Foundation partnered with Just
Believe, a non-profit organization
dedicated to reducing the
incidence of melanoma cancer and the dangers of over-exposure

The Special Events Committee will screen submissions and will give high priority to healthcentered initiatives or projects (up to \$5,000) that benefit a large geographic population across the

The Superior Health Foundation will accept applications through March 10, with the intent of selecting a non-profit project by mid-March

mid-March.

An online application form is available on the home page of the Superior Health Foundation website (www. superiorhealth/foundation.org).

The Superior Health Foundation is proud and honored to stand alongside other health-centered nonprofits as we strive to improve the health of ground in the ILP.

the health of people in the U.P.

For more information about the Superior Health Foundation about the upcoming fundraising golf event, conact (906) 225-6914 or email shf@superiorhealthfoundation.



St. Francis School holds student History Day, announces winners

MANISTIOUE - Recently third MANISTIQUE – Recently third through eighth grade students at St. Francis de Sales participated in the school's fourth Annual Michigan History Day competi-tion. The theme for the event was "Taking a Stand in History".

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History Day is an annual academic competition that affords each student the chance to explore issues, ideas, people, and events in history that he/she finds interesting. After choosing a topic that fits with the yearly theme. the students must decide on a cat-

the students must decide on a cat-egory to present their material.

Students can present original
Students can present original
mentarics, websites, research
papers or exhibits. Upon choosing the topic and category, the
students then begin researching, organizing the information, de-veloping a thesis, perfecting a process paper, and finishing with an annotated bibliography. Michigan History Day, which is affiliated with National History Day, is a program of the Histori-

cal Society of Michigan and has

four competition levels:
- School competition: this competition recently took place at St. Francis School.

- District competition: Michian is divided into 11 districts. The finalists at the school competition move on to the District 11 competition

**Table Competition: The top

three entries in each category at the district competition get to the district competition get to move on to the state competition; this year the state competition is being held at Bay City Central High School April 29.

National competition: The top two entries in each category at the state level will have the opportu-nity to compete at the National History Day competition at the

History Day competition at the University of Maryland-College Park near Washington, D.C.

St. Francis de Sales School will be sending six students to the cited sending six parts.

the state competition in Bay City this year. First place in the exhibit category went to Madison Zellar

with her project on the Children's

Crusade.
Second place was Carson
Sprader with his project on Jackie
Robinson, and third place was Olivia Brazda, presenting Princess Dianna.

The honorable mentions included: Delaney Zellar, explaining the Silver Springs Monkey
Case; Kaylee Hoholik with her project on Maximillian Kolbe: Paige Rochefort depicting Susan
B. Anthony; and Madison Rochefor: and her project on Juliette
Gordon Lowe.
In the paper category, the top

three students were Lucas Gould in lirst with his paper on Woodrow Wilson.

Second place went to Daniel Michalik and his project on the Ku Klux Klan. Third place went to Brynn Santi depicting the Black Panthers.
The honorable mention in the

paper category was Christian Lawrence and his paper on Ron-

News Brief

Visitor restrictions in place for UP Health, Bell

MARQUETTE – Due to the high numbers of respiratory illness and influenza, UP Health System – Marquette and Bell have implemented visitor restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. in effect until further notice.

In an effort to protect patients, the following restrictions apply:

Children under the age of 14 are not permitted to visit unless for a medical appointment or an ED visit.

• In the Family Birthing Center, in the Family Sirtung Center, visitors are limited to labor coaches and grandparents; and in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, visitors are limited to parents.
 if ill wish cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, vomiting and or diarrhea, please do not visit patients.

· Only two visitors are permitted per patient at a time, which is limited to the patient's immediate family, the patient's significant other, and the patient's advocate.

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50 Years Ago February 16, 1967

· Manistique's city charter is due for an overhaul. Members of the city counc greed Monday night to call a special election as soon as possible nine-member charter commission would be elected. It would be their job to

a piece-working in just out a special receivor las such as possible, in the inholito of any up a new charter for the city. Such a document would replace the existing of all vegerate places are reported to the city since it was adopted bee. 7, 1926. A revision of the charter was recommended to the council Monday night because the report from an interim charter study committee, headed by Otmer Schuster. Many provisions of the existing charter should be retained, the committee not said, but a complete study and some changes are also needed. Purchase of 53 acres of land adjacent to the city sheds, now owned by the Manistique Industrial Development Corporation, was approved Monday night by the city council. Cost of the property is \$5,000, which overset he evolopment group's original investment, expenses in acquiring and improving the property, plus six percent interest. The private industrial group purchaser the land several field in land several years ago as a favor to the city, when municipal finances would not allow such an investment. Council plans to use some of the land for needed improvements to the city sheds, but will retain the rest of the land as a needed improvements to the city sheds, but will retain the rest of the land as a potential industrial site. City Attorney William Hood was requested to draw up n agreement on the sale.

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Some of the mystelies of high school wrestling were unfolded to the gaze
of a large crowd in the new gym at the high school last Thursday evening,
when the fledging Manistique team met Newberry in an exhibition contest.
Coach Ron Rubick's squad, which has just begun to get acquainted with the sport, scored a 42-15 unofficial win in the contest. On the wrestling team thi year are Jim Carlson, Todd Chambers, Bob Schneider, Dennis Dixon, Ken Davis, Don Chartier, Jerry Dewey, Mike Tufnell, Greg and Larry Lambert, Dan Doyle, Mike Stoll, Neil Bucsh, Ron Bouchard, Ryan Chartier, John Livermore, Charlie Richey and Randy Kane.

Who says there are no fish in Schoolcraft County? The State Department

•Who says there are no fish in Schoolcraft County? The State Department of Conservation planted 227,210 lish in Schoolcraft alkes and streams during 1966, their annual summary of the area fish plantings showed this week. Lake plantings totaled 17,5710, and included 7,000 brook trout, 3,050 brown trout, 76,650 ainbows, 250 yellow perch, 260 muskellunge, 85,000 bluegilis, 3,000 altogenouth bases and 500 brown bullheads. Stream plantings totaled 51,500 with 13,800 brook trout, 22,700 browns and 15,000, rainbows.

35 Years Ago February 18, 1982

The fate of the city's on-again, off-again purchase of heavy equipmen r the Department of Public Works is still up in the air after the City Counci led 3-1 to re-advertse for bids on a front-end loader and snow remova attachments at a special meeting last Wednesday. Two days before, a split council had voted to spend \$776,520 over seven years to purchase an unu sued 1980 model year loader from Bark River Culvert and Equipment Co. of Escanaba. The council's reversal came as a result of complaints by Wally Leggett, salesman for Lakeshore inc. of from Mountain. Lakeshore's bid for front-end loader was one of those rejected when the council accepte Bark River Culvert's bid. Because the original specifications given by the city o prospective bidders specified "one new 1982" loader would be purchased eggett claimed the city accepted a bid outside its own specifical ed to buy the 1980 loader.

voled to buy the 1980 loader.

There is a new emergency medical service available in Cooks and Inwood Township: "first responder" squads are now in service as the first line of care in emergencies. Dave Neville, public safely officer with the City of Manistique, asid that 24 people recently completed the first-responder training and that the service is now available in Inwood Township. In medical emergencies, Neville emphasized that the squads should be the first assistance called for "As far as I'm concerned, they are the first in line of care," said Neville, who instructed the course. Although the "first-responder" concept is not a new one, Neville said Inwood is the first to offer the service in Schoolcraft County. Another team, for the Thompson area will be activated when equipment kits for the squad arrive.

Tentative figures compiled by the county equalization director show that read property values in Schoolcraft County increased by \$1.24 million last year, an increase of less than one percent.

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20 Years Ago February 20, 1997

It was originally known as the Opera House, and many older Schoo craft County residents continued to call it by that name. To younger folks was familiar as a fair building, roller rink, a car dealer's garage or a storag building. Whatever it was called, everyone agrees that the building next to the headquarters of Curran GM on Maple Street was one of the oldest building.

headquarters of Curran GM on Mapie Street was one of the oldest building in Manistique, until age and damage caught up to it this week. Full demoilito including clean-up will take about a week.

Specially Minerals has announced that 1996 was a record year for its Por Inland operation in Guillver. According to a statement recently released, records were set in the H-Cal plant for tonnage of high calcium stone produces in a 24-hour period (34,728 tons), and a weekly record was set at 201,44 tons. In the dolomite plant, a one-day record of 6,827 tons was set. Not to be outdone, the boat-loading operation set a new record for tons loaded in a week at 243,000 tons. eek at 243,000 tons.

week at 243,000 tons.

A show of support from pilots and businesses may have helped win a proval for a local automated weather reporting station. At their regular meetin Tuesday, the commissioners voted 4-0 to enter a contract with the State Michigan to install an Automated Weather Observation System at the airpo

10 Years Ago February 15, 2007

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Approximately 110 people attended last Saturday's second annual Father Daughter Valentine Dinner Dance at the First Baptist Church community room The dance, sponsored by the Manistique Area Kiwanis Club, was both a social event and a fund-raiser for this summer's week-long res dency by the Missoule Children's Theatre, which will cast approximately 80 local children in a musica production of Cinderella.*

• City Council Monday unanimously endorsed a new community marketing project being carried out in cooperation with the Schoolcraft County Chamber o Commerce, Manistique Area Tourism Council and EDC. The packets, presented by City Manager Sheial Adrich, include brochures and pamphiets developed by the various groups, a promotional DVD created several years ago by the EDC and a brand new brochure created for the city by Mike Hoar of Sinetech Net work Services. The overall approach is to promote the area as a place with safe streets, accessible and affordable waterfort, and local governments willing to treets, accessible and affordable waterfront, and local governments willing to rork with businesses. Aldrich said they will distribute the packets throughou flichigan and Wisconsin utilizing the MEDC, Michigan Works and other avenues

Bay College engineering graduates can now option into LSSU degrees

ESCANABA — Students who carn an associate in pre-engineering from Bay, College can now apply their earned credits into any of three baccalaureate engineering degrees offered through Lake Superior State University main campus. Officials from both schools recently formalized a transfer agreement after laying out createsive groundwork this past extensive groundwork this past

fall.

Essentially, graduates who have earned a pre-engineering associate degree in science at Bay can transfer two years of course work into a computer, electrical,

or mechanical engineering bachelor-degree tracks when they enroll at Lake State. Students can also complete a concentration in robotics and automation at the same time.

"Engineering careers are built through hard work, developing through hard work, developing strong math and science skills, on top of a broad education. LSSU prides itself in producing engineering graduates who are not only technical experts but also who have hands-on experience and strong communication and analytical skills," said LSSU

analytical skills, said LSSO President Tom Pleger. "This agreement lets students in Bay College's region - the central Upper Peninsula of Michigan and

'homegrown' associate degree into an LSSU baccalaureate that will an LSSO baccalaureate that will open career doors even wider," added Pleger "We are proud of our partnership with Bay College and together we will continue to work to help grow the region's talent and

LSSU boasts a 100 percent job placement rate for all of its student engineers within six months after

"This is just another example of the strong partnership we have with LSSU, "said Matthew Barron, executive dean of arts, sciences and

northeast Wisconsin - leverage a academic support at Bay College. "I am truly excited that students an truly excited that students can begin their engineering pathway right here at Bay College and transfer seamlessly to LSSU to complete a bachelor's. This is a wonderful opportunity for our local students to pursue seasons. local students to pursue a career in engineering.

"Our STEM club took a tour of LSSU last fall," said Spencer Slade, mathematics instructor at Bay College. "I was impressed

LSSU degrees continued on A3

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'Friends Helping Friends' seeks mental health professionals for 'Tuesday Talks'

MANISTIQUE - Friends Helping Friends is a newly enrolled 4-H group of adults and students who have been working students who have been working together for more a year, meeting every Tuesday during the students' lunch hour to address and learn more about social-emotional health related topics. There are

health related topics. There are approximately 20 high school students involved in Friends Helping Friends. Friends Helping Friends is currently looking for adults who work in the social-emotional work in the social-emotional or mental health field within Schoolcraft County to visit one of their Tuesday meetings (12:08-1:08 p.m.) to provide a presentation about their work

within the community.

These professionals will then be asked to provide the same presentation to the community that the students hope to be hosting on a monthly basis. Contact Tracie Abram at Michigan State University Extension at (906) 235-2985 to schedule a "Tuesday

The mission of the group is to work together to establish and promote a supportive and educational environment that is safe, affirming, and fair for all to discuss, learn, and promote social motional health and well-being

ssues and programs for ongoing growth and development. The students believe that mental health is social-emotional mental health is social-emotional health, which is: forming and maintaining satisfying and health relationships, taking health, which is: forming and maintaining satisfying and healthy relationships, taking aspects of human development, another's perspective, resolving therepresonal conflict, feeling beapable and whole, expressing femotions, navigating stress, and having supportive relationships.

They also believe social and emotional health involves having the personal, institutional, and emotional health involves having the personal, institutional, and emotional health involves having the personal interpressonal.



On the left side, front row: Lila MacKinnon, Tristen Slater, Kendra Hayden, and Macy row: Krystal Anderson, and Nick Lemaster. On the right side, front row: Jessi DPlazza, Burbham. Back row: Levi Lakoski, Reeves Kingren, Nathan Armock, and Darrin Hicks.

a positive sense of self, including developing a healthy sense of identity around aspects related prevent to race and ethnicity gender, sexuality, spirituality and abilities!

State University Extension to team-teach their bullying prevention curriculum entitled Be SAFE, which is an acronym meaning to create Safe, Affirming and Fair Environments The and Fair Environments. The students, along with Tracic Abram from Michigan State University Extension, provided the 10-week series to 33 ninth grade students last semester and will be providing the series to a class of seventh grade students starting in March. The students recently finished an

awareness bulletin board abou

four mental health disorders.

The students chose to research and promote awareness about anxiety, attention deficient hyper disorder, bi-polar, and depression. Their hope is that others will gain some insight and understanding and realize that these disorders are real and that these disorders are in the building and not as easily recognizable so therefore not understood or accepted as physical disorders.

News Briefs

Manistique library changes hours for Feb. 20

MANISTIQUE Manistique day. School and Public Library will be open 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 20, due to the school closure on that more information, call 341-4316.

Secretary of State closed for Presidents Day

LANSING - Secretary of State
Ruth Johnson reminds residents
that all offices and the Office of
the Great Seal will be; closed in
observance of Presidents Day Feb.

The Secretary of State's Office
mails notices to motorists 45 days observance of Presidents (Jay Feb. 20 so customers can hop online at ExpressSOS.com, which allows customers to renew their tabs and driver's licenses, get a duplicate registration, duplicate title, change their address and register to be an

And with its Print 'N Go feature, customers can renew their driver's licenses and tabs for their vehicles, motorcycles or boats, print their receipt and drive legally until they get their card or sticker in the mail. On their eighth year, customers do need to visit a branch to get a new

before their driver's license or

license plates expire to give them ample time to renew.

Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day

without penalty.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available around the clock. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.michigan.
gov/SOS to find a Self-Service
Station near you.

Hiawatha Forest initiates trails working group

GLADSTONE - The Forest The TWG will be made up of Service is seeking input from trail user/enthusiasts who would like to help identify opportunities improve connectivity, sustainability, and the user experience across the Hiawatha National Forest trails system. Hiawatha National Forest invites these users to attend a Comprehensive Trail Plan Meeting

With participant support, the Forest Service is proposing to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the forest trails system through facilitation of a Trails Working Group on each forest zone

representatives from each activity group, as well as the Forest Service and other partners.

There will be two upcoming

meetings, one for each zone, to identify a representative (and one alternative) from each activity group to serve on the TWG. These representatives will be responsible for coordinating with their respective trail activity group to develop proposed updates to the forest trails system, and to present those proposals to other members

Trails group continued on A4

Study: Unpaid medical bills drop by half

By Mona Shand

ANN ARBOR - The Healthy Michigan Plan is living up to its name when it comes to the financial well-being of the state's hospitals, according to a new study From the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business

Ross School of Business.

In 2013, the 88 hospitals in the Enterport found that study spent more than five percent focusins are a five precision of their budget on uncompensated for uninsured patients who can't pay their high deductibles, has dropped by nearly 50 percent since the Medicial expansion in 2014.

Study co-author Tome transferred to the School of Business are followed by the School of Business and the School of Business are followed by the School of Business are followe

Study co-author Tom Buchmueller says the change is particularly noteworthy given bene that many insurers have raised line.

'That change in the insurance market is pushing in the insurance market is pushing in the direction of more uncompensated care, which makes the impact of the Healthy Michigan Plan all the more impressive." Buchmueller seints out.

points out.
In 2013, the 88 hospitals in the

expansions are rolled back, adding that right now, both are reaping the benefits of an improved bottom

"You take away the stress of there," he state knowing that you're one medical event

About 646,000 cental away from financial residents participate in the Healthy catastrophe and that gives you Michigan Plan, which is supported peace of mind, and there's a by state and federal funds under tangible mental health benefit Michigan Plan, which is supported by state and federal funds under the Affordable Care Act.



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Auto-Owners Insurance Sun



Hiawatha Behavioral Health will be closed Monday, February 20, 2017 in honor of Presidents' Day Mental & Physical Health Matters! Crisis Services are available 24 hours 365 days a year. If you or someone you know is in a crisis please call our 24 EMERGENCY SERVICES LINE 10I Fret 1-800-839-9443 TTV - 906-632-5559 www.hbb.cnb.org National Hopeline Network 1-800-SUICIDE www.hopeline.com

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LSSU degrees

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with their engineering departstudents will benefit from the personal attention at LSSU and be attracted to the small-town at-inosphere that LSSU offers."

The new engineering articula-The new engineering articula-tion agreement joins a long list of partnerships between Lake Superior State University and Bay College, which also hosts an LSSU regional center. Students

can earn baccalaureate degrees in can earn baccataureate degrees in nursing, business, criminal jus-tice, general studies, and early childhood education and nurs-ing, without ever having to leave Bay's Escanaba main campus or branch center in Iron Mountain, Mich.

Contact the LSSU or the Bay College admissions offices for more information and other complete course transfer lists.

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Manistique Paper Mill and Munising Paper Mill All Former Employees and Retirees: Notice of Asbestos Health Hazards

Free Mesothelioma, Lui

Many workers were exposed to asbestos dust in their work at the Manistique and Munising Paper Mills. Products such as insulation, refractories, gaskets, packing and dryer felts were used throughout the plants on paper machines, steam lines boilers, pumps, valves, turbines, condensors, digesters, etc boilers, pumps, valves, turbines, condensors, digesters, et Goldberg, Persky & White, P.C., Michigan's #1 Mesothelion Lawyers, are offering a free asbestos disease claim evaluation We can arrange a chest x-ray review by a NIOSH Certifie B-Reader to determine the presence of asbestos lung dise all qualified former employees with start dates prior to 1973

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Exposure on absetost can cause deadly diseases, such as Mesothelioma. Lung Cannet; and Asbestosis, twenty to forty years or more after exposure. Extress and high smiority forme employees are encouraged to participate in this free evaluation as soon as possible. Please don't delay, protect yourself and your family before it's too late. You may be entitled to claim money damages from the responsible members of the asbestoe industry. Even if you or a family member was diagnosed with Lung Cancer or Mesothelioma up to ten years ago, you may stil be entitled to Bankruptcy Trust Fund compensation.

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Millicent Smith

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MESA, Ariz. – Milli-cent "Milly" Smith, 93, passed away on Feb. 4,

Milly was born Sept. 27, 1923, in Garden Village, Mich. By 1935, she had

By 1935, she had moved to Manistique, Mich., where she worked for a major de-partment store chain. She met and married Harold E. Smith on May 3 1941

May 3, 1941.
During the World War II years,
Harold and Milly both worked for
Ford's Willow Run B-24 plant,
where Milly worked as a "Rosie the Riveter", riveting parts for aircraft and eventually becoming a

After WWII, they moved to Texas until Harold retired in 1980, at which time they moved to Lei-

sure World in Mesa,

sure World in Mesa, Ariz.

Milly is preceded in death by her daughter, Sandra Lynn Smith, and her husband of 65 years, Harold Smith. Harold passed away in

Harold passed away in December 2001.

Milly is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held

on Monday, Feb. 20, Mountain View Funeral Home in Mountain View Funeral Home in Mesa, Family will greet friends for a visitation from 9:30-10:30 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. and entombment at Mountain View Cemetery, 7900 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85207.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Leisure World Li-brary Fund or Hospice of the Val-

Daniel Lee Horringa

MANISTIQUE – Daniel Lee
Horringa, 68, of 534 Chippewa
Ave., Manistique, Mich, died
on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, at his
home in Manistique.

Messier-Broullire Funeral Home
of Manistique is assisting the fam-

He is survived by his wife, Judy

News Brief

Bay College offering scholarship opportunities

ESCANABA – Bay College for scholarships for fall 2017 awards over 275 scholarships semester. The application can be every year to graduating high found online at www.baycollege. school seniors, current students, edu/scholarshipapp. school seniors, current students, and returning learners. To be considered for scholarships, financial a student must complete the Application for Admission and/or be accepted for admission. "" Scholarship academic application must be submitted by March 15 to be considered programs.

found online as a contact edu/scholarshipapp.

students may contact the Financial Aid Office at (906) 217-4020 with any questions regarding the online application. Scholarships are available for academic excellence, financial need, and specific academic

Trails group

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of the TWG for consideration. Collectively, the TWG will develop a mutually agreeable Comprehensive Trails Plan that comprehensive than than standing supports the needs of all forest trail users. This plan will help forest leadership make informed decisions about future investment in the forest trails system.

The dates and locations of these prections are follows:

meetings are as follows:
feb. 28, 6-8 p.m., Rudyard
Township Hall, 18725 S.
Mackinac Trail, Rudyard, MI

March 6, 2017, 6-8 p.m., Mathias Township Community Building, E 2997 State Highway M-67, Trenary, MI 49891

Participants are asked to be

Receive an update on the

Forest Service's plan to conduct a comprehensive trails a all forest trail systems.

Designate one primary representative (and one alternate) representative (and one atternate) to solicit input from the trail activity community, develop proposals for proposed changes to the trails system, and present trail proposals to the TWG for discussion and inclusion in a comprehensive recommendation. comprehensive recommendation

To serve as a representative, ring calendars and come roserve as a representative, bring calendars and come prepared to schedule future TWG meetings as needed from March, 2017, through December, 2017. RSVP no later than one week prior to the meeting. Contact Paul Holeva by telephone at (906) 428-8890, or he area! It should be the property of the property

5889 or by email at pholeva@ fs.fed.us.

Eugene Lynn Tait

JACKSON, Mich. – Eugene L. Tait, 67, died following a long ill-ness on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, at Henry Ford Allegiance Hospital in Jackson, Mich. He was born Feb. 21, 1949, in Caro, Mich. He was the second

and Reita (Bennett) Tait. Eugene graduated from Kingston Community Schools, where he also played varsity football. He gradued with the class of 1967. Eugene started working for General Motors shortly after high school graduation. He worked there for over 30 years retiring in 1999. He enjoyed gardening and farming. Being outside brought joy to Eugene, whether deer hunting, camping or just working in

ing, camping or just working in his garden. He had a passion for his garden. He had a passion for Detroit sports, always tuning in to watch Tiger baseball and Lions football. Church attendance and spending time with family pro-vided fellowship and joy to him. Over the years Eugene attended Faith Baptist Church in Chelsea, Westwinde Componity Church in Westwinds Community Church in Jackson, and First Baptist Church

Jackson, and First Baptist Church of Manistique. Eugene is survived by his chil-dren, Monica (Joseph) DeLisle of Gulliver, Jason (Amy Vashon) Tait of Eaten Rapids, Aaron (Er-lea) Trit, Washington, Tennander ica) Tait of Washington Township, Joel (Rachael) Tait of Fen-

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He is preceded in death by his father, Eugene Tait.

father, Eugene Tait.
Funeral service will be held at Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at First Baptist Church of Caro with Pastor Ronald Wigand and Pastor Gould officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City and noon until 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at First Baptist Church of Caro

Burial will be in East Dayton Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mr.
Tait will be Jason Tait, Aaron
Tait, Joel Tait, Joseph DeLisle II,
Justin DeLisle, and Walter Witkovsky.

Memorials may be made to Faith Baptist Church of Chelsea, Westwinds Community Church of Jackson or First Baptist Church, Manistique. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www. kranzfuneralhome.com

Connie L. Carney

MANISTIQUE MANISTIQUE —
Connie L. Carney, 75,
of Manistique, Mich.,
passed away on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, at
Schoolcraft Medical
Care Facility in Manistique surrounded by her family. Connie fought a

courageous battle with
ALS (Lou Gehrig's
disease) for 11 years,
It took everything from
her except her mind, spirit, smile, and her good nature.

She was born March 24, 1941. in Manistique, the daughter of William and Laura (Cameron) Anderson and attended Manistique area schools.

nie L. Anderson married Rodney E Carney in Manistique. They lived and raised their family in Manisand raised their family in Manis-tique Township. Rodney preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 1988. Connie was a homemaker who also worked seasonally at the Wyman State Nursery in Manistique. She was a member of the area bowling leagues for 25 sears and at.

bowling leagues for 25 years and attended the Cedar Grove Mennonite Church for many years. She enjoyed a good walk and going to the casino, and loved spending time with her family, grandchildren, and caregiv-

She always cared more about www.mbfuneral.com.



Connie L. Carney

everyone else how everyone else was doing, even when she was going through so much herself. She would always welcome you with a light in her eyes and a bright smile. Connie is survived by her children, Laurie (Mickey) Schnurer, Bill

Carney (Terri Frenette) Carney, and Brenda (Rob) Bosanic; grandchildren, Ashley (Travis Smith) Schnurer,

Cody (Emily) Schnurer, Khrisstiey (Matt Weber) Schnurer, and Brean (Matt Weber) Schnurer, and Brean-na (Brett Tallman) Bosanie; great-grandchildren, Rodney Schnurer, Connor Weber, and Logan Smith; and her cat, Jezabel. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death

by her longtime friend and com-

by her longtime Iriend and com-panion, Larry Knuth.
Visitation will be held from 2-3
p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the First
Baptist Church in Manistique. A
memorial service will follow at 3
p.m., at the church, with Reverend
Jay Martin efficiating. Burial will
be held in Finition Convention. be held in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the ALS Association

Messier-Broullire Funeral Home of Manistique is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at

Arts center seeking UP photographs

ESCANABA — Any Upper Peninsula resident inspired by the U.P. can submit photos to the Bonifas Arts Center photography competition now through March 4 at noon.

The winners' photographs will be showcased at the BAC's "The Inspiring U.P." exhibit April 6 - May 4, with the photos of Michael Olson and Paul Rose, contest jurors, each with a lifetime of devotion to the art

with a frictime of devotion to the art and craft of photography.

Any subject matter is welcome, as long as the photos were taken in the U.P. The competition and exhibit aim to celebrate the U.P., the varied art forms the region inspires, and offer inspires, the content of th and offer viewers the chance to gain a deeper appreciation for and gant a deeper appreciation for and understanding of the U.P., so while photos may be of U.P. residents, waterfalls, farms, cityscapes, historic sites, boats, wetlands, or

forests, photographers are free to focus on whatever inspires them, which can then inspire viewers, said Pasqua Warstler, BAC artistic director.

director.

Professional and nonprofessional photographers (at Jeast 18 years old) are encouraged to submit.

Prizes include cash awards and gift cards for photo processing. In addition, some artises, before the addition, some artists' photos, the winners of Purchase Prize awards, will be displayed in OSF St. Francis will be displayed in OSF St. Francis
Hospital and Medical Group's new
Gladstone clinic; others will be
featured on the Upper Peninsula
Travel and Recreation Association
website and in a traveling exhibit
at the Center for the Arts at Mission
Denis Beach and Medicine Island; Point Resort on Mackinac Island: and one artist will be awarded a solo show at Mission Point's Center for the Arts.

Since photography is an art

form more people try, hopefully, this competition will allow more residents to participate and experiment, with new artists getting involved at the BAC and more people exploring photography, thereby "growing the art form," said Warstler.

The entry fee, for up to three

photographs, is \$20 for college students, \$30 for nonmembers, and \$25 for members. Jurors will evaluate works' creativity, originality, and craftsmanship. Applications and additional

Applications and additional contest details are available at the BAC or www.bonifasarts.org, or call 786-3833 for more information

GOOD GRIEF SIX WEEK SERIES



Whether it's been three months or three years since your loved one died, please consider joinin this six week session of Good Grief. Learn a understanding of grief's journey, coping strategies and share stories with others who care.

Manistique Senior Center Tuesdays ~ 4:30 p.m.
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call North Woods 906-341-6963 to register and for more information

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Lifestyles Brief

Bay College releases list of fall graduates

ESCANABA – Bay de Noc Community College recently announced the names of students who completed all of the requirements for an associate degree or certificate during the fall semester. Local students include: Associate in Arts degree:

Associate in Arts degree: Colby Brazda and Jaden Utter,

Manistique.

Associate in Arts in Business
Administration: Katana Freed,

Associate in Applied Science degree: Makhayla LaButte.

Associate in Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Care and Education: Brooke Spencer, Manistique. Associate in

Science degree in general studies: Elisabeth MacGregor,

Certificate in Corrections Officer: Bret Sivrais, Gulliver; Stephen Burnis, Manistique. Certificate in Early Childhood

Care and Education: Brooke

Spencer, Manistique.

Certificate in Welding:

Anthony Floyd and Jacob Zellar,



class'y couse

The Garden American Legion recently showed their support for the Big Bay de Noc 2017 graduating class by donating the proceeds from their February monthly breakfast. Helping with the breakfast were: Marissa Rochefort, Caitlin Sefcik, and Allison Roberts.

THE DINNER DIVA

While getting regular exercise and reducing the amount of stress in your life are key components to reducing the inflammation in your body, we can also add certain antiinflammatory foods to our diet, (all the while cutting out sugar and processed food), to optimize our health.

The following seven foods are anti-inflammatory super heroes and you should eat them frequently, or at least three-four

times per week:

1.Cold water fish. Cold water fish like wild salmon, cod, sardines, haddock and sole are all high in fats that have great anti-inflammatory properties. Keyword: wild (skip the farm

raised) 2. Vegetables. 2. Vegetables. Surprise! Vegetables are good for you. However, most North Americans aren't getting enough plants into their diets. You should be eating at least eight or nine servings of

Free Food Sampling & Recipes

Additional health re managing diabetes, obesity, heart disease, hypertension, stress & smoking sensations

Healthy

veggies every That means you should have vegetables with each meal. Make them bright and colorful, and leafy and green.

3. Seeds and nuts. Walnuts, sesame seeds and almonds all contain omega-3 fats that reduce inflammation. 4. Fruit and berries. that

Blueberries, pincapple.

raspberries, cherries, strawberries and apples are all examples of fruits that may help reduce inflammation within the body.

5.Turmeric and other herbs and spices. Turmeric, ginger, garlic, basil, oregano—take your pick because all of those herbs and spices are very, very high in nutrients and fight inflammation. Try chopping a bunch of herbs and combining with garlic and olive oil for an anti-inflammatory

Options

VEGETÄRIAN

Food Fair

Thursday, Feb. 23 5:30 - 7 p.m. First Baptist Church 315 Walnut St. | Manistiqu



once in a while some good chocolate is a great thing to eat. I'm talking about chocolate that's at least

70 percent pure cocoa and no more than one ounce at a time. Make sure it's organic.
7. Green Tea.
Whether it's hot or

cold, green tea sort of acts like a liquid vegetable, putting up an infammatory fight within your body. And please make sure that tea is organic.

Now that you know what foods you should eat to reduce that inflammation, here's what you

The top foods to avoid in orde to reduce inflammation

- · Margarine and other trans fat:
- White flour
 Sugar Deep fried foods

 Excessive alcohol
 As you know, anti-inflammatory foods have been a hot topic lately here at Saving Dinner. That's a big reason why we added the Autoimmune Menu, which is high in anti-inflammatory foods, to Dinner Answers.

Leanne Ely is a NYT bestselling author and the creator of http:// SavingDinner.com, the original menu planning website, bringing families back to the dinner table for over 15 years.

As heating bills pose problems, _IHEAP assists

with the pleasure of curling up inside a warm home. Turning on the heat and settling into your favorite chair to open a new book or watch a movie feels even better when snow falls or rain patters against the windows. Unfortunately, some families have to choose between paying high winter utility bills and buying groceries or gas for their cars. The necessity of food and transportation often wins.

Fortunately, there are assistance programs. One such program, the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, helps low-income households with heating or cooling costs, during an energy-related crisis (such as a shutoff

related crisis (such as a shutoff notice from your utility) and with weatherization improvements. If you, a parent or a friend are struggling to make ends meet this winter, LIHEAP and similar

programs might be able to help keep your home warm.

Apply as soon as you can if you think you'll need assistance. The federal government provides the funding for LIHEAP, but the programs are run at the state level. The money gets distributed on a first-come-first-served basis and states give priority to households with children, elderly or disabled members. Often the largest benefits are awarded to the homes with the most need.

States open their winter pplications at different times, applications and you should apply for LIHEAP

right away if you think you'll have

trouble paying for heating. LIHEAP won't cover your LIHEAP won't cover your entire utility bill, but it can help keep your home warm. LIHEAP's heating benefit is only intended to help you pay to heat your home. For example, if you're heating For example, if you're heating unit runs on gas, the program will contribute towards your gas bill, but not your electricity bill. You might only be able to receive a benefit once every 12 months, but

it can make a big difference for your from make a big difference for your finances. For the fiscal year 2014, the most recent data available, over 5.7 million households received heating assistance and it offset an average 45.9 percent of recipients' annual heating costs.

annual heating costs.

Qualifying for LIHEAP
assistance. States, tribes and
territories have some control over
the services, qualifications, aid
limits and application process for

limits and application process for the LHEAP program in their area. You can review each state's income eligibility for the fiscal year 2017 on this table. The state or local organizations that distribute funds also consider applicants' utility costs, family size and locatior. Renters and homeowners could be eligible for LHEAP assistance but you might LIHEAP assistance, but you might not qualify if you have subsidized

housing.

Being qualified doesn't guarantee that you'll get assistance.

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The door of opportunity

The new handicapped door was recently installed at the Manistique Senior Center, thanks to the undersising committee that worked to make it a reality. The center thanks everyone who contributed, with \$4,755 raised

Lifestyles Brief

Former Gulliver resident named to dean's list of University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Brittany M. Zellar, of Gulliver, was named to The University of Alabama's dean's list.

These students had an academic lists A total of 11,758 students record of 3.5 (or above) or the undergraduate students.

enrolled during the 2016 fall president's list with an academic semester at UA were named to the record of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA dean's and president's recognize full-time

LIHEAP

Each state receives a set process, you may need to smount of funds for the year, share adentifying and financial and on average only 20 percent information, including of qualified household receive Recent utility bills.

benefits.
How to apply for LIHEAP. Often you'll apply for LIHEAP at a Community Action Agency, local non-profit organizations that help administer federal, state and administer receiral, state and local grant programs. Some states fet you complete the application online, otherwise you may need to mail, fax or hand in an application.

The Office of Community Service's website has contact information for each 4100-411.

information for each state and ferritory, including a link to a website where you'll find state-specific eligibility guidelines and program information

Recent pay stubs, or a profitand-loss statement if you're self-

Documentation for other income, such as Social Security

A lease or property tax bill as proof of your address.

Your Social Security number.

A list of people living in your home, their relation to you, dates

of birth and incomes.

A copy of a utility termination rotice, if you received one.
Your energy provider's information.

If you're having trouble with

help someone who isn't computer savvy, you can call the LIHEAP Clearinghouse's National Energy Assistance Referral at (866) 674-6327, TTY: (866)367-6228.

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Bottom line: When the Bottom line: When the temperature drops, heating costs can quickly rise. You shouldn't have to suffer, and LIHEAP could help provide much-needed financial aid. You can look for additional assistance programs using the Benefits.gov search tool. Also look into state-based programs and payment plans or assistance from your local utility.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills www.twitter.com/ Practical Money.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS BY CONNIE FIRE

Wow! I received a telephone call from Shirley Saffer, wanting to give away an electric bed. A call just before hers was someone that just before hers was someone that just had back surgery and was in need of one. That fell right into place. Now we all know how heavy electric beds are, and I am thinking to myself, the request came from a woman, who lives all alone. Ok, what am I to do. what am I to do.

Lo and behold, Robert Johnson Lo and behold, Robert Johnson and a friend delivered the bed right to her home, and I was told they assisted with setting it.up. Amazing!

Tell me there are not perks when living in a small town. We thank

living in a small fown. We thank everyone involved for making this lady's day!

Our committees have been hard at work finalizing a few activities for 2017. I will share them as I get them

Get your calendars out -there are plans being made for two upcoming bus trips. Let's start with June 5-9. The center will be offering a trip to "Chicago". The cost of the trip is

"Chicago" The cost of the trip is \$429 per person based on double occupancy. For single occupancy the price will be \$549. Triple occupancy is \$409.00. (Triple occupancy, kindly expect two double beds in the room). The bus will depart from the senior cen-ter parking lot at 8 a.m. The nackace will include:

- The package will include:

 Motorcoach transportation

- Four nights lodging
 Eight meals: four breakfasts and four dinners
 Visit to the Art lastinute of Chi-
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 Visit to the World Famous 360

 Visit to the World Famous 360

 Chicago, former b the John Hancock Observatory

 Guided Tour of Chicago

 Skyline Cruise on Lake Michi-
- Visit to the historic Navy Pier
- and Chicago's Money Museum

 Gaming at a Chicago Area Ca-

• Gaming at a chreago Area Casino (optional)

• Exclusive Diamond Tour Dinner Party with Entertainment

The next trip is a little ways off, but gives time to \$\frac{3}{2}\text{art saving. This will be a but trip to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Plymouth. The trip will be from Oct. 7-15. Dia-mond Tours bus will be departing mond Tours bus will be departing from the senior center parking lot at 8 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$699 per person based on double occu-pancy. (Single - \$938 and triple \$679)

The nackage includes:

The package includes:

• Motor coach: transportation provided by Diamond Tours, Inc.

• Eight night origing, including four consecutive rights in the quant Cape Cod ares

• 14 meals: eight breakfasts and eight dinners.

- six dinners

 A visit to Plymouth, Ma., and

famous "Plymouth Rock"

- A visit to lovely, artistic Martha's Vineyard
 A Guided Tour of the historic seaside towns of Hyannis and Sand-
- wich A visit to the JFK Museum and
- Sandwich Glass Museum

 A Guided Tour of the "Outer

Cape", including Provincetown and Chatham We need at least 30 people in or-

der to go. Please get your money in as soon as possible, so we can make the necessary arrangements. For further information call 341-5923.

one quick reminder, the center offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, to observe President's Day. CAA will hold the Noon Meal and Home-Delivered Meals as usual.

Home-Delivered Meals as usual.
Don't forget that CAA will behosting their Walk for Warmth at
the Senior Center Saturday, Feb.
25. There will be a light breakfast
beginning at 9 a.m. They are looking for advanced to the senior Call. ing for volunteer warkers.
Sharla Kimmel for further informafor volunteer walkers. Call

Sharla Kimmel for further informa-tion at 341-2452.
Whether it has been three days or three years since your loved one died, you are invited to join the Good Grief Six Week Series, which will be held at the senior cen-ter beginning Tuesday, March 7. It

will help if you understand grief's journey, coping strategies and share stories with others who care. Call North Woods at 341-6963 to pre-

register. Monetary donations have been

- received in memory of:

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- Nelson

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Maintenance

Maintenance and Support donations from Amanda Ackley, John and Mary Lou Arnold, Phyllis Toyra and Phyllis Frankovich. BRIDGE Feb 6: 1st-Don'a Nelson, 2nd-Hanna Mammen, 3rd-Audrey Savoie, CF-Patt-Fl.nt. Hostess, Audrey Savoie.

BRIDGE Feb. 10: 1st-Judy Provo, 2nd-Audrey Savoie, 3rd-Janice Redeker and Doris DeMars, CF-Larry Savoie. Hostess. Pat Flint.

500 Feb. 10: 1st-Ruth Jones. 2nd-Son Feb. 10: 1st-Ruth Jones, 2nd-Bonnie Rushford, 3rd-CathyWise, Should'a Stayed Home-Perry Wise. Birthdays this week: Feb. 18-Ken Rautiola, Feb. 19-Jack Roemer,

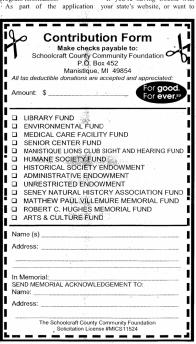
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HBH road request

as plowing - a service they have provided in the past and continue

McKinney also said that council had questioned what the benefit to the city would be if they did decide

to obtain the roadways.
"What we see as the benefit to the city is economic development. A big part of economic development is job retention," he explained. "In the area, you have many entities that use the road ... it brings a lot to the community. In my estimation, the ... annual book of all the entities exceeds \$5 million."

The most important benefit of the roadway, McKinney noted, is access to healthcare, whether to mental or physical care.

"All this at virtually no cost, going forward, to the city," he said.
"Currently the city does plow and does the upkeep for the roadway, does the tpkeep for the roaway, so that's why I say virtually no cost going forward – you're already doing the work."

McKinney said the Manistique City Charter definition of a street

the roadways surrounding HBH. He also pointed out that HBH should not be left responsible

for the care of a roadway that allows access to other entities.

"Currently we have to dedicate funding for the roadway," McKinney explained, adding that commitment could change, just as the city may decide to stop lend-ing support. "There's no guarantee that the maintenance is going to ue ... we just want to for-what's already happening . I think formalizing the proc would make sense to ensure the residents going forward that it's going to continue to be taken care

McKinney added that the city may be able to recoup maintenance costs if the roadways are formally deemed city streets. Also, HBI would-then, be able to eradicat

can dedicate our money toward di-rect services," McKinney said.

It was also noted that any dewould be assisted by assuring tential buyers of continued and impeded access to the area.

McKinney requested council accept the roadway once updates are completed and relieve HBH of the

completed and relieve HBH of the burden of ownership.

One resident residing on the HBH roadway spoke in favor of the city taking ownership of the road. Another Manistique resident, Brian Marks, also spoke in favor of city ownership of the roadway. "It is an embarrassment trying to HBH," he said. "It is actually

dangerous sometimes in the winter to get around there, so to say it's unnecessary to do – it's an embarrassment for the city.

These are mentally challenged

people that go to this place (HBH) to get help," Marks continued. "It needs to be done somehow." Manistique Water/Wastewater

Manistique Water/Wastewater Superintendent Corey Barr ques-tioned the bid received by HBH for road repair.

"We put asphalt patches in the ground that are \$15,000 ... if it was a short chunk of road, I could understand \$15,000," he said, add-ing that he would also like to know if the bid included a phase one en-vironmental site assessment, "The

city doesn't purchase property without an environmental study."

McKinney said the bid did not include this cost, but HBH could work with the city to obtain the needed assessment before ex-changing ownership. Barr also asked why HBH would

Barr also asked why HBH would not keep the road if they were al-ready willing to spend the funds to update it. "We're not in business of tak-ing care of roads," McKinney an-swered. "We want to ensure access." to all the entities up there We don't want to have to dedicate every year

money to a budget for taking care of roads, so we can use it to take care of people."

Barr said other variables, such as the city not having infrastruc-ture under the HBH roadways and that the residents along the HBH stretch didn't originally have their driveways coming into that roadway, lead him to not "totally roadway, lead nim to not "totally agree" that obtaining the roadways would be in the city's best interest. He also requested additional infor-mation from HBH. An HBH employee, Rick Stram,

pointed out that the purpose of HBH is to provide services to the community – not to seek out a profit. In order to continue its mission, he suggested the city allevi-ate HBH of the burden of owning

"We all realize there is a prob-lem ... it's a minefield out there," he said. "Why can't that same spirit of cooperation that we have hinted at, that we know needs to HBH has agreed to fix it, and all they want is to have what has been taking place (maintenance), in the .. to continue.'

Stram explained that he had served on the Manistique City Planning and Zoning Commission for nearly 15 years and cannot understand what objection the city has to taking over the HBH road-

ways.
"I'm very confused as to what the objection really is here, because, so far, what I've heard doesn't hold water," he said. "We've had many instances over the 15 years I was on zoning and planning where we bent over backwards to accommodate people asking for something that was for their benefit, for the citizens of Manistique's benefit, and for economic development. I, have yet to hear any argument, in

my mind, from the city's standpoint."
HBH board member George

Ecclesine also commented in vor of the city obtaining the HBH

roadways.
"I, for the life of me, cannot understand what the issue is with the city in not accepting the property,' he said. "What is the problem" it is a service to your residents; your taxpayers."

Fred Feleppa, chairperson of the

HBH board, pointed out that HBH has been trying to be good stewards of the property since they pur-chased it approximately 10 years

ago.
"If you want to tell us to treat it like our driveway, we very well may, and we may look at both roads that way," he said, adding that the second roadway does lead to the county's fairgrounds. "We're just asking you to take over the road. We'll fix it, we'll give it to you. We don't want to be in the road busi-

don't want to be in the road busi-ness ... I hope you guys make the right decision."

Aldrich noted that it wasn't a "given" that the state would ac-cept the establishment of the HBH roadway as a street, adding that the city had to undergo a similar pro-cess while establishing Veteran's Drive off U.S. Highway 2. A that point, Stram questioned how Veteran's Drive was created.

"We bought the property,"
Aldrich said, adding that it was created to accommodate the businesses located on it, as well as the traffic flow.

Aldrich went on to question why HBH didn't fix the roadways sooner, since they were aware they owned them and were responsible for their upkeep.
"Part of the reason we didn't

do it sooner ... it's about money, McKinney answered. "It's dedicat

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ing that amount of money to a project like this when we're trying to

McKinney added that HBH did obtain an attorney's opinion that said the roadway property should belong to the city, but that he opted to take the "friends and neighbors" approach and work with the city to

approach and work with the city to

fix the issue, rather than taking the

"Let's fix it and move on," he

Stram pointed out that if the city

created Veteran's Drive to foster

new economic development, they

should also assist existing busi-

"I'm looking at some of our zon

ing and planning people ... we

taking care of who's already here," he said. "Hiawatha Behavioral Health is already here." Councilperson Paul Walker sug-

gested the city continue mainte-nance of the road to ensure acces-

sibility to HBH, but not take over

ownership of the property.

"Is that something we could entertain?" he asked. "I want to make

sure that we proceed carefully and

Councilperson Liz Hill made a motion to not accept the offer from HBH to accept ownership of the roadways. The motion was

seconded by Councilperson Rick Hollister. Councilpersons Hill and Jan Jeffcott voted "yes" on the motion, while Councilpersons

Hollister and Walker cast "no'

votes. With the tie, the motion

failed. No further action was taken

that we weigh every option."

learn about economic gardening

matter to court.

Bay College planning Career Fair March 1

ESCANABA - For the second year in a row, Bay College will be hosting a Career Fair at their Bay College campus. It will be March 1 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. in the Joseph Heirman University Center at Bay College.

A variety of area businesses already confirmed to attend in areas of health care, corrections and law enforcement, manufacturing, accounting and business, and water

technology.

If any business would like a table at either or both fairs, there is still space available. Contact Becky Landenberger at becky. Landenberger@abycollege.edu or by phone at (905) 217-4266.

Ag for Tomorrow set to take place March 7

ESCANABA – Michigan State University Extension is hosting the 11th annual Agriculture for Tomorrow conference March 7, to help U.P. farmers stay informed, up-

help U.P. farmers stay informed, up-to-date, and profitable.

Topics will include protecting crops from weeds, disease and insects, low-lignin alfalfa, using paper mill residuals on crop land,

paper mili residuais on crop iand, managing crop nutrients, and more. Agriculture for Tomorrow will be held March 7, at Bay College, Heirman University Center, 2001 N. Lincoln Roed, Escanaba. The early registration cost is \$25 before Feb. 24, or \$35 after that date, and includes lunch and materials.

For more information or to

visit events.anr.msu. edu/2017AgforTomorrow/.

Little library

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try are combined into one case, however, VanDyck said she is hav-ing another case built to separate

"I can keep up with it - I know "I can keep up with it – I know when we're running low or when we are in need of something," she explained, adding that she will ac-cept donations of either books or pantry offerings. Any donations may be made by either leaving m in the pantry or contacting

In addition, VanDyck said that she is hoping to offer fresh fruits and vegetables in the summer. The ultimate goal, she pointed out, will who, for one reason or another, is going without.

"We're working up to where

people will never, ever have to say, 'I didn't have anything to eat last night'," she said. "You don't have to knock on the door, you don't have to let me know, you just walk

VanDyck said she will eventu ally place a book outside in which people may record any of their

wants, needs or suggestions.
While the Happy Home Little Free Library has had minimal traffic thus far. VanDyck expressed hope that word will spread and people will feel free to check it out.
"Summer time, of course, the word will spread, but in winter time, when maybe it's needed a little more, I want people to know about it, too," she said.
As far as the books are concerned, VanDyck explained that those utilizing the library may keep, trade or return the books.
"Everybody can come by and wants, needs or suggestions

"Everybody can come by and take as needed," she noted.

The Happy Home Little Free Library is located at 237 N. Cedar St. For more information or to make a donation to the cause, contact VanDyck at (906) 450-1717 or by visiting the Happy Home Little Free Library Facebook page.

18th Annual McDonald Lake Ice Fishing Derby February 18 & 19 McDonald Lake in Gullive 3 Prizes in 3 Categories Longest Perch • Longest Pike • Longest Walleye d Tie Breaker – First fish red Kids Derby - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place perch (All decisions by Derby Officials are final! OFFICIAL RULES:

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b. Sunday February 18 – 8 am until 2 pm
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All hose registered will be entered into a raffle. The raffle will take place at the awards on Sunday. \$10.00 Registration Fee "Children (13 & under) must be present and regional to pick up their door prize on Saturday at the registration lent between 8 a.m. and 12 noon."

Awards will be given at approximately 2:15 – 2:30 pm on Sunday, Feb. 19

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For information or to register, stop at City Hall or contact Kristi King, Recreation Director at (906) 341-2290 or by email at manistiquerecreation@live.com

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News from MAS BY MARYANN BODDY

February is National Career and Technical Education Month. According to the National Association for Career and Association for Career and Technical Education, "Career and technical education, or CTE, is education that directly prepares students for high-wage, highdemand careers. CTE covers many different fields, including health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, hospitality and management and many more, as described in the national Career Clusters. CTE encompasses many different types of education, from classroom learning to certification programs to

tearning to certification programs to work-based learning opportunities outside the classroom." Manistique Area Schools is fortunate to be able to offer several career and technical education classes including: Careers in Education, Health Occupations, Education, Health Occupations, Welding, Automotive Technology, Building Trades, and Computer Aided Design. These classes are made possible through our partnership with the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School

career and technical education graduates were successfully placed in the workforce or in postsecondary training in 2016.

"These are excellent results that demonstrate the impact and importance of CTE programs," State Superintendent Brian Whiston said. "CTE offers educational strategies that meet the needs of students and employers, and get us closer to the goal of being a Top 10 education state in 10 years." education state in 10 years."

education state in 10 years."
"I'm very impressed with
the CTE programs throughout
Michigan," said Gov. Rick
Snyder, a long-time proponent
of promoting the skilled trades.
"Thanks to Michigan's incredible
comeback, there are many highskill, high-demand and highpaying jobs in our state. These
CTE programs are making sure our
students are adequately presared to students are adequately prepared to follow Michigan's path toward the

follow Michigan's path toward the future."

Each year, results of a survey of students who completed a CTE program in grades I1 or 12 are used to calculate the state's placement rate for CTE students.

Michigan's 2016 placement rate means that 19 out of every 20.

CTE students were successfully.

CTE students were successfully placed in colleges and universities; advanced training programs; military services; or jobs within a year of leaving high school,

according to surveyed students.

Of last year's 15,571 survey respondents, 15,013 (96.4 percent) said they were in a continuing education program or employed, or both. Looking deeper, of the 11,687 student respondents in continuing education, 514 (4.5 percent) were pursuing a certificate; 4,031 (35.4 percent) were getting an associate's degree; and 6,344 (55.7 percent) were getting their bachelor's

degree.
Patty Cantú, director of the Office Patty Cantú, director of the Office of Career and Technical Education at the Michigan Department of Education, said CTE prepares youth and adults for a wide range of careers through hands-on, industry-based, curriculum and learning opportunities.

"CTE allows students to see helevance of core academic skills

relevance of core academic skills within the workplace," she said. "CTE students also learn valuable critical thinking, employability, and job-related technical skills."

Manistique Area Schools will be Manistique Area Schools will be making an exciting announcement about expanded CTE offerings for the 2017-2018 school year as a part of the Z-TEC Ribbon Cutting and Open House Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the event at 401 North Maple Street.

For more information on CTE programs, visit Going Pro with Skilled Trades at www.mitalent.org, or contact Mrs LaVigne at MHS.





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MANISTIQUE PUBLIC SAFETY

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

3 p.m. Larceny of electricity, Street Elk Street 2:10

6 p.m. Department of Public Lane Works (DPW) request, snow covered slippery roads 10 p.m. Citizen assist, Maple Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017 6:18 a.m. Citizen assist, Maple

Street
9:15 a.m. Snow removal com-9:53 a.m. Well being check,

Second Street 12:08 p.m. Hit and run property damage accident, Cedar Street Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017

11 a.m. Suspicious activity, Manistique within city of Manistique 7:52 p.m. 4:05 p.m. Property inspection, Manistique

Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 1:04 a.m. OWI, Houghton Av-

enue 8 a.m. Lockout, Garden Avenue Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017
10:30 a.m. Found property, within city of Manistique
11:59 a.m. Suspicious situation, within city of Manistique
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2:10 p.m. Harassment, Ouarry

6:59 a.m. Structure fire. Schar-

strom Road 2:30 p.m. Two car property damage accident, Delta Avenue 6:05 p.m. DPW callout, snow

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7:52 p.m. Alarm, within city of Manistique

8:57 p.m. Department assist, US Highway 2 Sunday, Feb, 5, 2017 10:25 a.m. Two car property damage accident, Deer Street

damage accident, Deer Street

Monday, Feb. 6, 2017

10:30 a.m. Two car property
damage accdinet, Park Avenue
12:25 p.m. Lockout, US 2
12:44 p.m. Snew plowing complaint, Maple Street

3:08 p.m. Hit and run property damage accident, US 2

3:10 p.m. Lockout, Cedar Street 4:30 p.m. Found property, Cedar Street 6:30 p.m. Phone scam, within

city of Manistique Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 9:45 a.m. Schoolcraft Avenue

3:33 p.m. Two car property damage accident, Oak Street

4:40 p.m. Suspicious situation, within city of Manistique 7:30 p.m. Larceny, Main Street 9:30 p.m. Department of Public

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of Manistique
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Sports

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Section B

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Visitors spoil senior night

MANISTIQUE - Up by four points late, the varsity Lady Emeralds' offense stalled, opening the door for Iron Mountain in a Senior Night outing in Manistique Mon-

Rebounding from a four-point opening quarter, Manistique put up 15 points in the second period to trail the Mountaineers 21-19 at the half. Manistique got three-point baskets by Madison Kraatz and Tasha Joslin in the stretch. Kraatz went on to finish the night with 11 points to lead the Emeralds in scor-

ng. Coming off the break, the Emeradds' Madison Berry scored seven points to help Manistique gain a 30-29 lead when the quarter came to an end. After trading shots throughout the final eight minutes of play, Iron Mountain sealed the

Girls' basketball continued on B2

Coming up in Sports

MANISTIQUE **EMERALDS**

Varsity Boys Basketball Fri., Feb. 17 vs. Ishpeming at Ish-

Fri., Feb. 17 vs. Ishperming at Ishperning, 6 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 20 vs. Escanaba at HOME, 6 pm.
Varsity Girls Basketball
Tues, Feb. 21 vs. Ishperning at HOME, 6 pm.
Thurs, Feb. 23 vs. Big Bay de Noc at HOME, 6 p.m.
Varsity Swimming
Sat., Feb. 18 vs. U.P. Finals at Marquette, 10 a.m.
Varsity Wrestling
Sat., Feb. 18 vs. WHSAA Individuals Tournament at Rogers City, 10 a.m.
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Thurs., Feb. 16 vs. Stephenson at
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Long Riders continue 25 years of giving

MANISTQUE – For the past 25 years, the Long Riders snowmobile club has raised funds for local clarities and those in freed through the annual Relic Ride. This year, 290 participants registered their 1972 or older snow machines. They, along with hundreds of newer models, took to the trails between the Jack Pine Lodge and Big Springs Inn Saturday to support the club's caugh. the club's cause.

Unique". Cindy Cowan, at bottom, for her 1972 Caribou: Unique ; Cilruy Cowan, at Bount, for his 1962 Sno Traveler, "Oldest Sled", Nick Hirshman, for his 1962 Sno Traveler, "Best Antique", Randy McKowan, for his 1968 Polaris Su-per Voyager, and "Oldest Rider", Buck McClelland, pic-tured at right. He rode a 1972 Rupp Nitro;

the club's cause.

Growing in popularity over the years, the annual event attracts riders from all over the Midwest. Prior to the commencement of each ride, awards are distributed in several categories, including "Oldest to Register". This year, 77-year-old Buck McClelland earned that

McClelland is a veteran of the trails and road more than 550 miles to attend this year's event, his first Relic Ride, from his home in Marion, Ohio. Native to the Upper Peninsula, he owns property in McMillian and

Opper Pennisula, ne owns property in McMillian and for the past two years, road in a snowmobile event in Naubinway.

For 2017, McClelland decided to switch things up and check out the Relic Ride. He said he purchased his first snowmobile in 1978 and though he has ridden Arnist snowmonie in 1976 and trough ne has ridden Ar-tic Cat, Yamala, and Polaris sleets throughout the years, he has "found the light" and now prefers Ski-Doo. In order to qualify for the Relie Ride, McClelland pur-chased a 1972 Rupp Nitro in his hometown last sum-mer. He used the Nitro in Saturday's event.

Other participants awarded during the event included: "Best of Show", Joe Francis, for his 1971 Rupp Magnun; "Pile of Crap", Aaron McAlpine for his 1972 Herters; "Most Unique", Cindy Cowan, for her 1972



Caribou; "Oldest Sled", Nick Hirshman, for his 1962 Sno Traveler; and "Best Antique", Randy McKowan, for his 1968 Polaris Super Voyager. This year's Relic Ride also included a tribute to a fallen Long Riders members – most recently Ronald Hugg, known as "The General". Haug was recently found deceased at his home on Hutt Lake. It is suspected that he was a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Relic Ride

continued on B2 pictures from the events we attend can be "viewed" and purchased" here

Gonzalez takes crown at District competition

MUNISING - Not participating during his squad's victory in the team districts, the Emeralds' Tan-ner Gonzalez won the MHSAA Di-vision 4 individual championship held in Munising last Saturday.

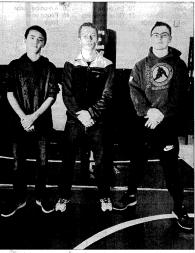
Wrestling at 160 pounds and back Wrestling at 160 pounds and back on the mat after dealing with an ill-ness, it took Gonzalez less than a minute to earn an individual title, pinning Alex Henry of Newberry in 59 seconds. Gonzalez, who recent-

ly capped off a 150th career victory benchmark, will join Tony Williams and Louis Berry at the MHSAA In-dividual Regionals in Roger City this weekend.

Williams and Berry placed during the Michigan High School Indi-

viduals Districts.

Manistique traveled to Munising to take part in the MHSAA Team Regionals tonight (Wednesday), after press time



Three Manistique Emerald wrestlers will be representing the area at the MHSSA Individuals Regionals in Roger City this Saturday. From left: Tony Williams, Louis Berry, and Tanner Gonzalez placed during the Michigan High School Individuals Districts to qualify for the Regional

MHSAA now offering advance ticket sales

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CMII will host the Team Quarterfinals on Feb. 24 and Semifinals and Finals on Feb. 25, and tickets are available through CMU Ticket Central. Quarterfinal tickets cost \$8 and one ticket is good for all 16

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DISTRICT **CHAMPS**

Joe LeBlanc photo Manistique hosted the Division 4 Michigan High School Athletic Association Team Districts Feb. 9. At the end of the night, the Emeralds captured the division Emeraids captured the division trophy after successfully beating Newberry in the first round and repeating their performance against Rudyard in round two. Proudly displaying their newest addition to the school trophy case in the front row, from left are: Owen Faketty, Tyler Singley, Catherine King, Tony Williams, Alex Misniskewicz, Levi Łakosky, and Christian Aldrich. Back row. Caleb Swason, David Rahn, Caleb Swason, David Rahn, Domonick Seebaldt, Issac Brewster, Matt Wood, Brenden Tanner Gonzalez, and Louis Berry



Wrestling finals

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matches, starting with the Divimatches, starting with the Divi-sion 4 session at noon. Semifinal tickets cost \$10 and are good for both sessions of that round begin-ning at 9 a.m.

Team Finals tickets also cost \$10

and are good for both sessions - new on, the four Finals will be split with Divisions 1 and 4 competing at 3:30 and Divisions 2 and 3 wrestling at 6 p.m. All-session tickets good for all matches both days cost \$20.

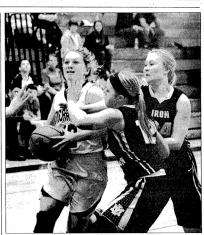
Tickets for this season's Individual Finals from March 2-4 at the Pal-ace of Auburn Hills are available ex-clusively through The Palace Ticket Store. Only all-session reserved seat tickets will be sold, at a cost of \$55 each plus applicable handling charg-

Remaining single-session re-served and general admission tickets will go on sale Feb. 27 through The Palace Ticket Store. Single-session

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designate the wrestling division they prefer to watch, which will result in their ticket assignment being in full view of the mats being used for that competition. For Divisions 3 and 4, the seats will be on the side of the arena opposite the mat placement. providing an unobstructed view of

be found on the Wreştling page of the MHSAA Website at http://www. mhsaa.com/sports/wrestling. Individual Finals tickets also may be charged by phone to American Express, Discover, Visa and Master-Card by calling (248) 377-0100.



Joe LeBlanc photo A low scoring third quarter determined the fate of the Emeralds' 61-46 loss on the road in Westwood last Friday. Renae Schetter, pictured working the lane in Monday's home game, was the high scorer with 15.

Girls' basketball



Hoping for the Senior Night win, the Emeralds lost 43-39 to the Mountaineers. Above Tasha Joslin the lone senior on this wear's grand driver roping for the Senior Night win, the Emeradas loss 43-39 to the would taineers. Above, Tasha Joslin, the lone senior on this year's squad drive the paint to attempt two of her seven points on the night. Additional photos can be viewed at www.mstqpioneertribune.smugmug.com.

win, hitting six-of-eight from the free throw line.

"We were up four with a minute and a half left, but didn't score again the rest of the game," said Head Coach Dave Winkel. "Iron Mountain was able to get a couple baskets and drained their last four free throws down the stretch to seal the win."

"(It was a) really tough loss to might – these eirls worked so hard

win, hitting six-of-eight from the and battled back to put us in a position to win tonight. We all wanted to win this one for Tasha – our lone senior on Senior Night".

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sell two. Iron Mountain: Ellis two Swartout four. Hoffman four. Schilling two, Poupore 20, Johnson 11.

Iron Mountain won the junior varsity contest in overtime Monday 55-53.

Emeralds fall to Westwood

27 at the half, a three-point third quarter sealed the fate of the Lady Emeralds in Westwood last Friday night. Despite putting up 16 points in the fourth, Manistique couldn't gain any ground on the Patriots, who walked off the court with a

of 1-46 win.

"We played probably our best and most complete half of the season in the first half tonight," Winson in the first half tonight, with-kel said. "We got out to a little lead early in the first, and then it was back and forth throughout the rest of the half."

"As has been the case in our last

three or four games, there is one quarter where we just fall apart," Westwood won that ni he added. "Tonight, that was the nior varsity contest 48-16.

WESTWOOD - Trailing 29- third. We didn't score a single point until Lexi Russell scored on a three-point play with under a minute to go in the quarter. West-wood, on the other hand, put 17 on the board to take control of the game."

Schuetter led the Emeralds in scoring with 15 points, including seven in the fourth quarter.

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westwood 1019/1157-01 Manistique: Berry six, Kraatz nine, Joslin two, Schuetter 15, Muth nine, Russell five. Westwood: Farley one, Leece 10, Koski 19, Mattias six, Ostola four, E Farley 16, Carello five. Westwood won that night's ju-

Relic Ride

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Prior to the start of each Relic Ride, members hold an annual meeting to select local charities or a person of need to serve as the bene-factor of 100 percent of all funds raised over the course of the event. This year, the Long Riders members announcement indicated all

funds raised during the 2017 Relic Ride will be donated to Lance Lifer, Lifer is the Suburban Propane delivery man who had found Haug lying on the floor in his garage. He had visited the residence to fill Haug's propane tank.

During attempts to revive Haug, During attempts to revive Haug, Lifer managed to call 911, but also fell unconscious. Responding to the call, MDNR Conversation Of-ficer Mike Evink reached the home and found the two men lying on the floor in the garage - Lifer had a pulse and was breathing, but una buse and was obtaining, but un-responsive. Haug had no pulse and did not respond to Evink's attempts to revive him.

Lifer is still recovering from the

ordeal. A Go Fund Me Page has also been set up to assist him with his medical expenses







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ORDINANCE 322 OF 2017 An Ordinance Amending Section 609 of Ordinances 299 of 2011

Section 609 Exempt Signs

(B) **Directional Signs**

Signs required for purposes of orientation when stablished by a governmental agency

- The City of Manistique may permit tourist-oriented directional signs as defined by MCL 247.401 within its jurisdictional boundaries as provided by and pursuant to MCL 247.403(7)
- The City Council may appoint a designee by resolution to approve or reject the placement of any tourist or ented sign within its jurisdictional boundaries under the provisions of this ordinance.
- All portions of Ordinance 299 of 2011 shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.
- This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication.

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Letters of interest will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 22, 2017.

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Per City Charter Section 4,7 (a), No person shall hold any elective office of the City, unless he was a resident of the City for at least two years immediately prior to, and was a registered elector on, the last day for filing nominating petitions for such office or prior to the time of his appointment to fill a vacancu..."

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Letters can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall. Please call City Hall at (906) 341-2290 with any questions. If mailed please sent to the following address:

Attention: City Clerk

PO Box 515, Manistique, MI 49854

Sincerely, Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk

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CITY OF MANISTIQUE

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Manistique Housing Commission - 1 opening Any individuals interested in serving on this Board are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to City Hall by Wednesday March 8th by 3:00 p.m.

Please call City Hall at (906) 341-2290 with an

Sincerely, Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk

CITY OF MANISTIQUE

A public hearing will be held Monday, February 27 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 300 N. Maple Stree regarding Commercial Rehabilitation Designations and Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Designations for the following parcels located within the City of Manistique:

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We wish to express our gratitude to all for their sympathies. You may have sent a card, flowers, food, attended the service and to all that sent prayers, please know that it was truly appreciated. Special thanks to the staff at the Island Resort & Casino for their efforts to revive Ron. The Emergency Room Staff at St. Francis Hospital for being so accommodating during our time of loss. Thanks to Pastor Jay Martin for his inspirational words during the service. Thanks to Ray and Bev Blount for bringing our ideas to fruittion. for bringing our ideas to fruition. Thanks to Jeanne Knoph and Lisa for taking their time to help at the luncheon.

We are blessed to have such

wonderful family and friends in our lives.

The family of Harry

Attention Indian Lake Sports and **Recreation Association Members:**

It has been a while since our last dues notice, that said the association is still very active in improving the fisher known as Indian Lake. I am happy to report another suc known as Indian Lake. I am Inappy or elepor another sec-cessful year has come and gone as far as our efforts to control the commorants on our lake. By all accounts cor-morant sightings on the lake have declined greatly. This effort which is conducted by a very committed group of volunteers has been paying huge dividends to our fisher-ical bear before a composition of the production of the control of the c ies. I have had several comments from people fishing the lake that they are not only catching more fish but they are lake that they are not only catching more lish but they are also catching larger fish especially perch. Last week's an-nual ice fishing derby is additional evidence of the fruits of the association's efforts. Over 270 participated in the event which was put on by the Manistique Sport Fishing Club. Over the course of the weekend a large amount of the course of the second second course of the course of the second s fish were registered. In addition to the cormorant control insh were registered. In addition to the commonant control program, the success we have been experiencing with the fish population can also be attributed to the MDNR's willingness to assist us in planting the lake with walleye, which we are scheduled to do again this spring. This year's planting will be the fifth consecutive spring where year's pianting will be the fitth consecutive spring where we have stocked the lake with walleye. In addition to stock-ing the lake again this year we hope to dredge and per-form other improvements at the Arrowhead boat launch. Please use this as your dues notice for the current cy-cle. Please make your check in the amount of \$25.00

payable to the Indian Lake Sport and Recreation Associa ion and mail it to the association at 9550 W. East Drive Manistique 49854. Membership is not limited to property owners. If you fish or enjoy the outdoor activities that the lake provides you are encourage to become a member. Please remember the association bills dues every two years. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

ORDINANCE 321 OF 2017

An Ordinance Regulating Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs

The City of Manistique Ordains:

Section A - Provisions saved from repeal.

Nothing in this ordinance shall repeal the provisions in Ordinance 299 of 2011. Such provisions shall remain in full force and effect ås if set out fully herein.

- Section B Tourist-oriented directional signs
- The city may permit tourist-oriented directional signs as defined by MCL 247.401 within its jurisdictional boundaries as provided by and pursuant to MCL 247.403(7).
- An operator of a tourist-oriented activity who wishes to participate in a directional sign program under 1996 PA. 299, as amended, and is applying for a sign that would reside within the boundaries of the city in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of 1996 PA. 299 (MCL 247.402) shall submit the application for review by the city council or its designee.
- The city council or its designee may approve or reject the placement of any tourist-oriented directional sign within its jurisdictional boundaries under the provisions of this section.
- The city council may appoint a designee by resolution to approve or reject the placement of any tourist-oriented directional sign within its jurisdictional boundaries under the provisions of this section.
- Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, or who installs or causes to be installed a tourist-oriented cirectional sign without the approval of both the state department of transportation and the city council, shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction, punishable by a civil fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), plus costs, and if applicable, damages and expenses as provided by law. A municipal civil infraction action trought for any violation of this section shall follow the procedures set forth in Act No. 12, PA. 1994, as a gregored, and a defendant charged with a municipal civil fireation violation shall lead to the procedure of the section shall follow the procedures set forth in Act No. 12, PA. 1994, as a gregored and a defendant charged with a municipal civil fireation violation shall lead to the procedure of the proc amended, and a defendant charged with a municipal civil infraction violation shall have all of the rights, duties, responsibilities, and obligations set forth therein.

Cub count 2016: Marquette man seeks information

MARQUETTE – If you have trail camera photos of female black bears with cubs from anywhere in Michigan during 2016 or happened to see a family of bears, you have valuable information that may be the key to getting a better handle on the number of bears in the state than the other methods that are currently being used. The best way to get a count of the number of bears in the state over the widest area possible is by tapping into what Michigan residents know and the popularity of game or southing cameras can play an important role in that. The benefit of this method is it is the closest thing to an actual count of live bears and anyone who has seen a bear or has a game camera can participate.

The results of such a survey are bound to generate some interesting and valuable information, and if conducted on an annual basis, the results should provide an excellent index of bear numbers as long as

participation is high enough. The results of this survey conducted during 2015 are reported in the January 2017 issue of Weods-N-Water News.

One of the most valuable types of information that such a survey would provide is the number of females with cubs and how many cubs each female has. The DNR does not currently know how many cubs are produced in the many cubs are produced in the state each year. Input from anyone who has seen or has photos of sows and cubs would help fill an important information gap Such a survey would obviously not be a count of all cubs produced in the state during a given year, but it would provide a minimum figure and a cub production estimate may be possible from those numbers.

Veteran outdoor writer Richard P. Smith from Marquette is conducting the 2016 Michigan Bear Count to try to find out what type of information will be generated. Smith has won

numerous awards for his work.
His most recent honor was being chosen as the Dave Richey
Outdoor Communicator of the Year for 2016 by the Michigan
Outdoor Writers Association.

Michigan Black Bear and the second edition of Black Bear and the Hunting. The writer is passionate about bears and bear management.

Reports about the number of bears seen and photographed can be Richey was a longtime member of MOWA and was the outdoor writer for the Detroit News for more than

20 years.

The DNR recently released current popular The DNR recently reclased their most current population estimate of bears that are at least one year old and those figures are from September of 2015. The DNR currently estimates the bear population based on the number of principals becomes the bear population based on the number of principals. animals harvested by hunters each year and the amount of effort that goes into that harvest. Bear hunting regulations that will be set for 2017 then, will be based on population estimates that are two years old

Smith studies and photographs black bears year round and is also an avid bear hunter. He has written a number of books about black bears, including Understanding

emailed to Smith at mibearcount@ vahoo.com. For those who don't use a computer, reports can be sent to Bear Count, 814 Clark St., Marquette, MI 49855. Simply report the total number of bears seen or photographed, including the number of females with cubs and how many cubs each female had had the county they were

seen or photographed in and when (day and month) they were seen or photographed. If you are a bear hunter and tagged one of the bears that were seen, please include that information, too, so that animal can be deducted from the total.

Please do not include photos of bears. They take up too much space and can quickly fill the email account.



Photo courtesy DNR

A trail camera photo from the Upper Peninsula shows a female with

Fish Report

BY RET. SGT. JOHN WALKER

Well, here we are into a week that seems to be heading for another real nice break from our normal winter weather for February. mal winter weather for February. In some cases this week we even had the record for high temperature broken up here in the U.P. This while out east they are being buried under all kinds of snow. Who can figure out what may be coming

next as far as the weather goes.

The good side of these nice breaks is that it is really nice for the wildlife out there battling the the wilctite out there batting the winter hoping to make it to spring. The only thing I do not want to see is our weather make up for all this nice weather during our normal winter weather season in March and April. Hopefully even with what is a box hed garging will trill be a season in the seas

and April. Hopefully even with what we have had, spring will still come when it is suppose too. Even with the nice weather there are still a couple of winter activi-ties going on. The ice fishing contest for the youth on the quarry here in town is upon us and so is the ice fishing contest at McDon-ald Lake out in Gulliver. If I heard right, the contest out on McDonald Lake is a two day contest. So there are a number of ways you can get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

I also see where there are a num-ber of fishermen trying their luck down on the Manistique River here in town. One thing about the area where we live, you can always find something to do.

The snowmobile activity is still

going strong and it seems like there are a lot of snowmobilers trying to are a fot of showmoniers trying to get some quality time in while the trails are still half way decent. It has always seemed like after the month of February even if there are still some good trails to ride that things start slowing down. Maybe this is because of snowmobilers

this is because of showmoniers having to plan ahead to get time off and head up north.

This and the fact that a lot of ar-cas down in Wisconsin that started out the winter with a lot of snow had it all melt so they had to head-north to find some good trails to ride.

I have always liked it back when

I was working or even when we went out for a ride on our snowmobiles this time of year after a nice warm spell. When you had this kind of weather there would be a nice crust on the snow early in the morning so you could take an adventure cross country to check

things out where you couldn't get to when the snow was all deep and

Of course you had to make plans Of course you had to make prans to leave early in the morning to go cross country on the frozen crust on the snow so you could head back when the sun came out and started to melt the crust. When this happened it could no longer support a snowmachine with a person my size on it so it became a mess get-ting back out to a road or packed down trail.

More than once I spent a good More than once I spent a good part of a day trying to get a snow-mobile out of the "middle-of-no-where". When this happened and take my word for it, that is no fun. It is amazing how much things have changed since. Letted det.

have changed since I started out working to what is taking place to-day. Back in those good old days this time of year trappers would be getting things ready for the spring beaver trapping season: Back then beaver trapping was a big deal.

So during the slower time of winter they would get their traps ready and prepare the scent they used when trapping. When doing some of these projects a lot of trap-pers had a little building out back

because they were not going to make too many brownie points if they decided to do it in the house Some of the scent and other ways they had of preparing things for the trapping season would take your breath away in a closed up

But in a lot of cases those times are long gone because of the price of furs now being what it is and the cost of running around to get back and forth from your trap-ping area. For so many years even when the fur prices were low you when the fur prices were low you still had a number of trappers that just liked to get out and enjoy it. But when everything from the cost per rewards was figured out it became an expensive hobby.

This and the fact that "Father Time" expensive that the Father Time.

Time" caught up to a lot of the trappers I used to run across in my travels. Take my word for it, if none of the other factors will change what you get involved with in the great outdoors you can with in the great outdoors you can always count on "Father Time" being the one to change your per-spective and outlook on life. One fact in life you can always count on is he will always eatch up to you

Outdoors Brief

Free fishing weekend takes place this weekend

LANSING - Everyone in Michigan is invited to fish for free Feb. 18, and Feb. 19, for the 2017 Winter Free Fishing Weekend. A Winter Free Fishing Weckend. A license is not required to fish for those two days, but all other fishing regulations still apply

These two days make up #MiFreeFishingWeckend — an

annual effort to promote Michigan's annual effort to promote Michigan's world-class fishing opportunities. While many individuals and families will bundle up and head out to fish for free on their own, the DNR points out that there are several organized events scheduled throughout the state to celebrate the weekend, and can be found at Michigan.gov/freefishing. One local event is the 18th annual McDonald Lake Ice Fishing Derby, set for Feb. 18-19 in Gulliver.

Participants can register at BG's IGA Express, Gulliver Crossroads and Top O'Lake Sport Shop. Registration is \$10. The registration station will be

located at the public access site on McDonald Lake. Derby registration

McDonald Lake. Derby registration deadline is noon on Feb. 18. Michigan has celebrated the Winter Free Fishing Weekend every year since 1994. With more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, and 11,000 inland lakes, Michigan and fishing are a natural match.

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