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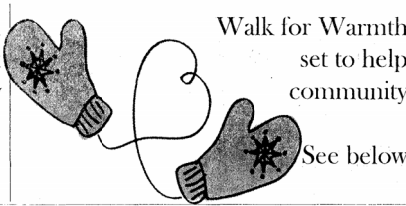
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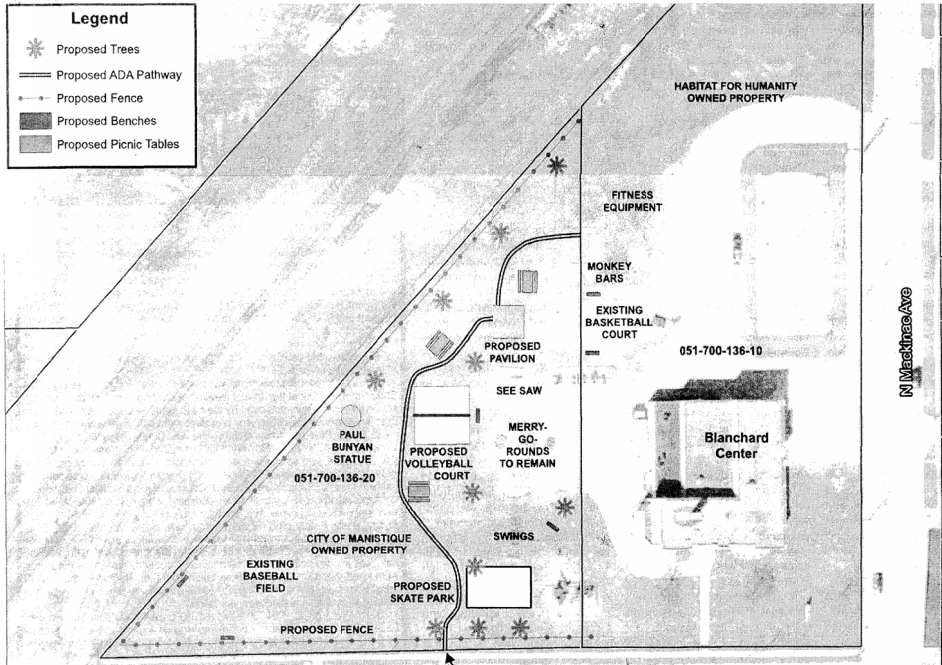
Local team takes 2nd in tourney  
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Walk for Warmth set to help community  
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MAS Board honored  
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## A (LONG) WALK IN THE PARK

After years of effort from groups and residents, \$150K grant will help make park a reality

MANISTIQUE — The city of Manistique Recreation Department has been awarded a \$150,000 grant to help fund the creation of the Blanchard Paul Bunyan Park. The announcement about the park, which will be located adjacent to the Habitat for Humanity — Hiawathaland building and Restore, was made last week.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Manistique was among the 19 community and state parks, trails and sports facilities across the state recommended to share \$2,784,800 in Land and Water Conservation Fund grants. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a federal program administered in DNR on behalf of the National Park Service.

The DNR uses this funding to help develop public outdoor recreation facilities and to provide matching grants for local governments to do the same.

Manistique's \$150,000 grant award will help fund the development of the park's pavilion, skate park, volleyball court, access paths, and site amenities. The park currently boasts swings, merry-go-rounds, a t-ball field, and benches that will remain. All other playground equipment will be removed.

According to Mike Powers, Manistique Recreation Board president, the city was gifted the piece of property by the Blanchard family approximately nine years ago. It wasn't until 2016, however, that the recreation

department and other interested groups and individuals began planning to develop a more elaborate park for the property.

"We want to thank the Blanchards for the land and the opportunity," he said. "We've been working with Eric Sherbinow and Ann MacGregor from Habitat, and we're going to get a committee together because there's going to be some fundraising."

Currently, the scope and cost estimates of the project

**Park grant funds**  
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## First Federal of Northern Michigan Bancorp, Inc. First with Mackinac Financial Corporation

MANISTIQUE and ALPENA, Mich. — The Directors of Mackinac Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: MFNC) (Mackinac), the holding company for mBank, and the Directors of First Federal of Northern Michigan Bancorp, Inc. (OTC: FFNM) (FFNM), the holding company for First Federal of Northern Michigan today announced the execution of a definitive agreement for Mackinac to acquire FFNM through an all-stock merger of FFNM with and into a subsidiary of Mackinac. FFNM shareholders will receive .576 shares of Mackinac common stock for each share of FFNM common stock. The aggregate value of the stock consideration, based on an assumed price of Mackinac shares of \$15.75, is \$33.8 million. MFNC expects to issue approximately 2.15 million shares of FFNM stockholders in connection with the transaction.

- The merger will include 7 full service banking locations of First Federal of Northern Michigan (following the previously announced sale of the Oscoda location to a third party), approximately \$320 million in assets and \$283 million in deposits, primarily all core deposits. Combined offices will equate to 30 banking centers.
- The transaction is expected to close in the 2nd Quarter of 2018.
- Anticipated results include earnings per share accretion of 8.0% in 2018 (exclusive of deal costs) and an expected tangible book value earn back period of 3 years or less.
- The transaction is the 4th strategic expansion by Mackinac since late 2014.

Under the terms of the agreement, shareholders of FFNM will also receive a special cash dividend immediately

prior to close of \$8.0 million subject to maintenance of a minimum equity requirement. Total consideration to FFNM shareholders in connection with the transaction would equate to \$41.8 million, or \$11.22 per share, based upon the assumed value of Mackinac common shares.

The transaction will increase mBank's market position as the largest bank headquartered in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with post-transaction assets estimated at approximately \$1.3 billion and gross balance sheet loans of approximately \$1 billion. Combined deposits are expected to total approximately \$1.1 billion. It is also anticipated that mBank will rank as the 10th largest bank

**mBank merger**  
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## Walk for Warmth returns to area

Annual fundraiser assists residents with heating costs

MANISTIQUE — Menominee, Delta and Schoolcraft county residents having trouble paying their home-heating bills will get a big boost during the Community Action Agency Walk for Warmth. The walks are scheduled to take place in all three counties Feb. 24.

The fundraising campaign helps fill the void for many residents who need help, but fall short of qualifying for state heating programs.

Every dollar raised is used in the county where it's raised, said Cathy Pearson, CAA executive assistant. Last year's walks raised \$61,640.

All residents, including individuals, businesses, youth groups, and service clubs, are once again encouraged to participate.

The Schoolcraft County event will begin at 9 a.m., leaving from the Manistique Senior Center.

"The walks are mainly symbolic to drive home the point that some of our residents are forced to live in extremely cold conditions," Pearson said.

More information and pledge sheets are available at the CAA offices in each city or on the CAA website. [www.mdsc.org](http://www.mdsc.org). Residents who need more information

**Walk for Warmth**  
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## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 19, 20, 21** — Open Skate, Little Bear West Arena, 6-9 p.m.
- Jan. 19** — Preschool Story Time, Manistique Public Library, 10 a.m.
- Jan. 22, 24** — Open Pool, Manistique Middle and High School, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 24** — Free Family Night, Manistique School and Public Library, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10** — Schoolcraft County Historical Society Brown Bag Lunch, \$5 donation, Zion Lutheran Church, 11 a.m.
- Jan. 27, 28** — 31st annual Indian Lake Ice Fishing Derby, Indian Lake, Registration deadline Jan. 27 at 9 a.m.
- Feb. 10** — Father-Daughter Dance, First Baptist Church, 5-8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20** — Tech Tuesday, Manistique School and Public Library, 12 p.m., call 341-4316 to register
- Feb. 21** — Habitat for Humanity Application Day, Ed Havitz Conference Room in the Blanchard Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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# MAS Board of Education members recognized

## MANISTIQUE

The members of the Manistique Area Schools Board of Education were recently recognized as part of School Board Appreciation Month.

Current members include Rae Birr, Jill Connin, Stacy Cunningham, Tori Irving, Alan Kilar, Krista Maline, and Giannine Perigo.

During Monday's MAS Board of Education meeting, new officers were elected. Those fulfilling specific duties are: Rae Birr, board president; Tori Irving, vice president; Krista Maline, secretary; and Jill Connin, treasurer.

Below, members are outlined in submitted biographies.

**Rae Birr**  
Participation in the board of education has been an important and enriching part of my life for six years. These years have been educational at a local, state and national level particularly through my committee work on policies.

We must constantly be meeting new regulations and precautions. The Budget and Finance Committee is always eye-opening with the diverse needs of the district for funds and the ever-needed stewardship of our resources. It has been inspiring to work closely with Mrs. Boddy as she leads the district. Her insights and productivity have been a pleasure to experience.

I appreciate the political connections we have which have kept us in the U.P. in front of the lawmakers. State Superintendent Whiston was impressed with our district and we were surely deserving of his visit last year.

I look forward to serving with the great staff, administration and board members in 2018 and beyond.



Rae Birr



Jill Connin



Stacy Cunningham

**Jill Connin**  
This is the start of my fourth year on the school board, having originally been elected as a write-in candidate. The first year was quite the experience, as we had to go through the detailed process of hiring a new superintendent.

I was elected board treasurer two years ago and am still holding that position. Through reading the monthly check runs, I have really learned a lot about the vast array of expenses a district incurs, from a bolt for the lawn mower to the building electric and water bills (payroll is obviously the greatest expense).

I wish there was an easy way to show community members the vastness of the district's expenses. I am currently on the Building and Grounds Committee, which is the committee that most-often proposes how the sinking fund money is spent.

As with owning a home, there is always something that needs to be repaired, replaced, retired, improved or planned for. It may seem like ideas take a long time to come to fruition, but there is often a prioritized list already going and sometimes unexpected, but pertinent repairs pop up and jump to the top of the list.

I am passionate about arts programming, nutrition and equal-access for all families, and will continue to work towards improving and expanding these areas when possible.

**Stacy Cunningham**  
I, Stacy Cunningham, have been on the school board since January 2017 for a two-year term. I am on the Policy Committee and on the Student Activities Committee.

During the day, I work with

children from birth through age 26 in the special education department at Delta-Schoolcraft ISD, where I am in three different school districts as an occupational therapist.

The goal that I have for Manistique Area Schools and why I am on the school board, is to ensure that our students have the same opportunities as those in much larger districts in more urban areas. All schools in rural areas have challenges with whether in personnel with specific skill sets for the vast subjects and extracurriculars, or in finances.

I feel that with creative partnerships and programming that all students in Manistique can have the same opportunities offered to them as districts with significantly more resources.

**Tori Irving**  
I was appointed to the MAS Board of Education in September 2017 and currently serve as a vice president and on the Policy Committee. I live in Manistique with my husband and our two children, one of which is currently enrolled in Emerald Elementary and the other will start next year.

As a board member, my number one priority is the students in our district and my decisions will always be guided by doing the right things to improve student achievement. I will always support ways to improve student curriculum and opportunities that provide them with diverse and unique experiences to learn and grow.

While I serve our district, I will continually ask if our decisions and actions are making our students better. Every decision we make should ultimately be about our kids. I look forward to serving



Alan Kilar



Alan Kilar



Krista Maline

our district and finding ways to continuously improve our schools.

**Alan Kilar**  
Serving on the MAS school board has allowed me to participate in discussions and decisions which guide the district's operation and educational plan. A few of the areas I have been involved in are: policy review and approval, staffing issues, budgeting of the MAS finances and short and long term goal setting.

As a member of Buildings and Grounds Committee, I have been directly involved in the selection of projects for updating and improvement of the physical structures of the MAS.

Looking to the future, I hope to see every MAS student with their unique individual abilities be prepared for a changing world, equipped with the strong educational, vocational and decision making skills.

My wife and I live in the Gulliver Lake area and each day enjoy the wonderful U.P.

**Krista Maline**  
I am finishing the first year of my four-year term on the MAS Board of Education. While this year has gone by very fast, it has been very educational for me.

I attended classes to teach me about open meetings, laws, and many more things that I didn't know that I didn't know about being a school board member. I had the opportunity to listen to and meet State Superintendent Brian Whiston, who holds high expectations and goals for our schools in the coming years.

Being on the Building and Grounds Committee has given me more insight into the physical needs of our facilities, like the renovations of some bathrooms in

the MS/HS and the new parking arrangement in the front of the elementary school that were completed this year.

I enthusiastically support the school board's efforts to continue a vocal music program like Glee.

**Giannine Perigo**  
I am proud and honored to be a member of your school board and to work to provide a quality education for each and every one of our students.

During my ten years of service on your school board, we have seen tremendous progress in our district. We have provided computers for students at all levels, reintroduced and expanded our vocational and technical offerings



Giannine Perigo

to provide career paths for graduates, updated and maintained our buildings and facilities, and have broadened our opportunities for participation in athletics, the arts and academic and technical competitions.

I am impressed with the quality and dedication of our teachers, support staff and administrators and with the support and enthusiasm of our parents and community members. All of you make this a job I truly love.

We will continue to be challenged by declining enrollments, increased costs, pressing social issues and additional requirements from the state. We'll keep working.

## The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune...

### 50 Years Ago January 18, 1968

The quick thinking of a 15-year-old Cooks youth helped save his sister from serious injury and possible death recently. Hero of the episode was Dennis Segerstrom, whose alertness aided his 12-year-old sister, Tina. When a gas can in the basement of the Segerstrom home exploded about 9 a.m. Sunday on Jan. 7, Tina, standing nearby, was sprayed with burning gasoline. Unable to extinguish her blazing clothes, Dennis picked her up, took her outside and rolled her in the snow until the fire was out. After putting out the fire in the basement, he then hitched a ride in the 20 below zero weather to the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Segerstrom, and they returned and took Tina to the hospital for treatment of what proved to be only minor burns. The attending physician praised the action of the youth and said his quick thinking prevented serious injuries. Parents of the children are Mr. and Mrs. Aileen Segerstrom.

Clyde L. Strasker of Manistique was named to the board of directors of the State Savings Bank at the annual meeting of stockholders Tuesday morning. Mr. Strasker has been employed by the bank for 18 years. He has served the past five years as executive vice president and cashier, and will continue in these duties. Re-elected as directors were H.K. Bundy, August Carlson, E. G. Carlstrom, A. W. Heitman, Raymond L. Krusic, Donald E. Messier and Donald Ott. Officers re-elected by the board of directors were H. K. Bundy, president, A. W. Heitman, vice president, Clyde L. Strasker, executive vice president and cashier, Marie J. Sablack and Phillip J. Ott were elected assistant cashiers.

Approximately \$761 was taken by burglars from the Ron White Mobil Service station on Chipewawa Ave. sometime between midnight and 7:10 a.m. Friday. Police officers, assisted by members of the Manistique State Police Post and Detective John Seppanen of St. Ignace, are investigating the theft. Entry was gained through a back door of the station, and the dial on the safe was knocked off, allowing the door to be opened. Tools from the station were used. Approximately \$651 was taken from the safe, with another \$100 taken from the cigarette machine. Evidence indicates that the intruder tried to break into the pop machine also, but failed.

Betty Heinz of 321 Oak St. achieved the once-in-a-lifetime hand in cribbage -- you guessed it, 29 -- Friday morning, in a game at her home. Betty held the fives of diamonds, hearts and clubs, along with the jack of spades. Her opponent, Bill Heinz, out of five spades.

### 35 Years Ago January 20, 1983

Surgeon and pro-life advocate Dr. Jose C. Espinosa began practice in Manistique this week. He joined the five doctor staff at the Manistique Medical Center. Espinosa is a graduate of the University of Madrid Medical School, one of the oldest medical schools in the world. For the past 18 years, he has been practicing medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, specializing in vascular surgery. He is a member of the American Board of Surgery and of the International College of Surgeons. Espinosa will have a surgical practice. He will see patients on a referral basis only.

Two Manistique High School musicians have played their way into a trip to Hawaii, with a little help from the Lions Club. Kathy Nelson and Jenny Golevski will be spending two weeks in the sunny islands this summer as part of a band representing Michigan at an international Lions convention. The two were chosen after tryouts Jan. 15 in St. Johns, Mich. Out of 274 students seeking spots in the big band, 160 were selected, along with eight alternates. Competition was particularly tough in the flute category, where both girls got a spot. Only 16 out of 30 flutists were chosen. In all, 10 kids from the Upper Peninsula will take part in the Hawaiian trip.

Former Manistique cager John Pistulka is enjoying a tremendous campaign in his senior year with the Soo Lakers at Lake Superior State College. The 6-6 center/forward has averages of 19.1 points per game and 12.5 rebounds. He has been the team's top rebounder in the last 11 games with double-digit efforts in 10 of those contests, according to figures from the LSSC sports information service. Pistulka led the team in scoring with 17 points in a recent game against Northwood and 22 versus Saginaw Valley. His season highs came against Northern Michigan University Dec. 18 when he grabbed 18 rebounds and scored 24 points.

### 20 Years Ago January 22, 1998

Work has begun on the condominium and shopping development planned on the west side of Manistique Harbor. Manistique resident Bill Giles, one of six owners of the Manistique Industrial Development Corporation which owns and is developing the site, discussed the project at the Monday, Jan. 19 Rotary Club meeting. Giles said Monday that workers have begun digging and soon will pour the concrete footings of the retail and condominiums.

Representatives of the Beaver Island Boat Co. will visit Manistique next month to pursue an agreement that would establish a ferry route between the island and Manistique Harbor. Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corp. Director James Anderson discussed the ferry line's plans at the EDC Board of Directors Tuesday Jan. 20 meeting. The company first approached Anderson and the EDC last summer about establishing daily service between Beaver Island and Manistique. Daily runs are proposed between the two ports during June, July and August, with as many as two or three trips a week possible during May and September.

Manistique Area Schools Board of Education members James Anderson, Joan Escobedo, Jan Jeffcott, Steve Lattman, Terry Savage, Debra Veitkamp and Ingar Levin were honored Jan. 19, for School Board Member Recognition Month.

### 10 Years Ago January 17, 2008

The City of Manistique could soon have a new west side park. At Monday night's regular meeting, the City Council voted 5-0 to tentatively accept a donation of property adjacent to the former Lincoln Elementary School for use as a public park. The offer came from Joe and Thomas Blanchard, owners of A.A.F.B., the company that purchased the building and land from the Manistique Area Schools last fall, after students moved to Emerald Elementary and Lincoln was shut down.

Chapter 1 of the Forgiven Eagles held their second annual chili cook off at the VFW Hall in Manistique last Saturday. Proceeds from the event will help the group with its ongoing support of veteran's projects in Schoolcraft County, the Upper Peninsula and the state. A three-judge panel conducted a blind taste test to pick the top three chili entries. When the judging was over, last year's first and second-place winners had traded places and a newswoman had finished in third. The 2008 winners were: First place, Dan Tope; second place, Duke Mayo; third place, Jerry LaFord.

## Treasury: New law won't affect 2017 taxes

LANSING — With the passage of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the Michigan Department of Treasury reminds taxpayers the 2017 tax year will not be affected when tax season begins later this month.

Taxpayers should file their taxes like they have in previous years when the state Treasury Department begins accepting 2017 state income tax returns on Jan. 29. Any changes to tax laws will be experienced during the 2018 tax year and next year's state income tax filing season.

"The new federal tax law does not affect the 2017 tax year," said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, head of Treasury's Tax Administration Group. "Please continue to file your income tax returns as you have in previous years."

Taxpayers are encouraged to gather tax-related documents and update their home addresses with current and former employers so W-2s and other financial documents can be mailed to the correct address. Incorrect addresses typically lead to

information being mailed to the wrong location and could cause delays when filing tax returns.

When tax season opens, taxpayers can e-file their state tax returns instead of mailing a paper return. To learn more, go to [www.mifastfile.org](http://www.mifastfile.org).

Later this month, forms and instructions may be viewed and downloaded from [www.michigan.gov/taxes](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes). In addition, commonly used forms will continue to be available at Treasury offices, most public libraries, northern Michigan post offices and

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services county offices.

All state income tax returns must be e-filed or postmarked by April 17, 2018. For the benefit and convenience of taxpayers, both the beginning and end of the state income tax filing season are the same as the Internal Revenue Service.

To learn more about the state of Michigan's state income tax, go to [www.michigan.gov/incometax](http://www.michigan.gov/incometax). Federal tax information is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## New year gym membership? Shop smart

LANSING — After a rise in consumer complaints against health clubs and fitness centers, in 2017, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is reminding Michigan consumers looking to join a gym this New Year to shop smart. The Department of Attorney General has a consumer alert to help residents make educated choices about fitness center and health club memberships.

In 2017, the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division received 595 complaints from Michigan consumers against health clubs and fitness centers. This is significant increase over the 84 complaints received in 2016.

More than half the complaints were made against Family Fitness, a West Michigan based chain. The remaining complaints involved discrepancies between what consumers say they were told by sales personnel and what the signed contract actually guaranteed. In particular, consumers reported the written cancellation procedure

frequently differed from what they were told by the salesperson. Consumers also complained about high-pressure sales tactics and feeling rushed to sign contracts.

In the consumer alert, Lose Weight, Not Money, Schuette advises consumers to follow certain guidelines to make smart choices when joining a health club or fitness center. Below are a few tips mentioned in the alert:

**Cancellation and Refunds.** Make sure you understand the cancellation and refund policies before signing the contract. What happens if your move, are injured, or get a serious illness? Also, what happens if the fitness center goes out of business? A "lifetime" membership is really only good for the lifetime of the business, not your lifetime.

Read any contract carefully before signing. Don't be rushed prior to signing any contract; take your time and make sure you understand all of the contract terms before signing. Ask for an

unsigned contract to take home and review.

After you sign your contract, make sure you keep a copy. Some companies may ask you to pay additional fees on top of what you have already paid or have agreed to pay for your membership. If you

are asked to pay additional fees, make sure that is allowed under your contract. You may be asked to pay fees that are not mandatory

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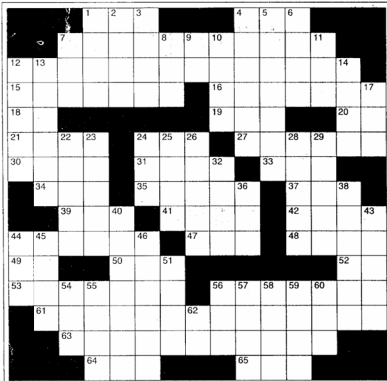
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**CLUES ACROSS**  
 1. Measurement (abbr.)  
 4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)  
 7. Scoring  
 12. Attribute  
 15. Poked holes in  
 16. Angers  
 18. Doc  
 19. M.B. journeyman pitcher  
 20. Not don't  
 21. Snubs someone  
 24. Where kids bathe  
 27. One might be in distress  
 30. Chair  
 31. Music industry honors (abbr.)  
 33. Dash  
 34. Owed  
 35. Caucasian language  
 37. One thousand (Span.)  
 39. Musical style drum and bass  
 41. Evergreen trees native to warm climates  
 42. Bagin ... start fresh  
 44. Marstry outlets  
 47. A chicken lays one  
 48. Yemen's largest city  
 49. Conversion rate

**CLUES DOWN**  
 1. Skater Lipinski  
 2. Data  
 3. Single step  
 4. Destroyed financially  
 5. Fail to interpret correctly  
 6. Fava C... tree found in Brazil  
 7. Vehicle  
 8. Limited  
 9. Old English  
 10. Aussie golfer Norman  
 11. Job  
 12. Loose-fitting undergarments  
 13. Protected by balancing  
 14. Give up  
 17. Fifth note of a major scale  
 22. Extravagantly bright  
 23. Takes dictation

50. Single Lens Reflex  
 52. Atlanta rapper  
 53. Reduce the importance of  
 56. Facas of buildings  
 63. Distrute again  
 64. Tooth caregiver  
 65. 007's creator

24. 19th letter of Greek alphabet  
 25. Rounded knob (biology)  
 26. French philosopher  
 28. Mothers  
 29. Dardic ethnic group  
 32. Supports the rudder  
 36. An ugly evil-looking old woman  
 38. Of a fasting time  
 40. Filled with passengers  
 43. Below the ribs and above the hips  
 44. Binary-coded decimal  
 45. 51 is a famous one  
 46. Goes into a funk  
 51. Chief O'Hara actor  
 54. Videocassette recorder  
 55. Scored perfectly  
 56. Type of tree  
 57. Spumante (Italian wine)  
 58. Popular commercial "pet"  
 59. Supreme god of Ancient Egyptians  
 60. Room in a home  
 62. ... and behold

*All puzzle answers are on page B3*

## Paradise gears up for Winter Carnival

PARADISE — Whitefish Township will host the fourth annual Winter Carnival Jan. 26-28. Since the last week in November, 110-plus inches of snow has fallen in the region.

Throughout this weekend, and every weekend, cross country ski trails, snowshoe trails, and snowmobile trails will be open in the Paradise area and Tahquamenon Falls State Park. As always, check trail conditions before embarking on an adventure.

Snow sculpture contestants will be working on their works of art throughout the week prior to the carnival, provided that snow conditions are favorable.

The Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce is collaborating with community organizations to offer visitors and residents an escape from cabin fever. The North Country Trail, Hiawatha Shore to Shore Chapter, is organizing a guided Tahqua Trail Hike Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in participating by cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or hiking may meet at the Whitefish Township Community Center, 8-9:30 a.m. for breakfast before embarking on the Tahqua Road trail-head at 10 a.m. to start the trek. All skill levels are encouraged.

The Pancake and Sausage Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, coffee, and juice served from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the community center. Donations for the meal will



Above, the Paradise Vintage Snowmobile Club is shown attending the 2016 Vintage Snowmobile Show. Courtesy photo

go to the cooks and organizers, the Whitefish Township Emergency Medical Services team.

The Paradise Vintage Snowmobile Club is leading the show ride, conditions permitting, at the Vintage Snowmobile Show that will be held at the center from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Best of Show, Oldest Sled, Furthest Traveled Sled, and Club with the Greatest Number of Attendees will be recognized just before the show

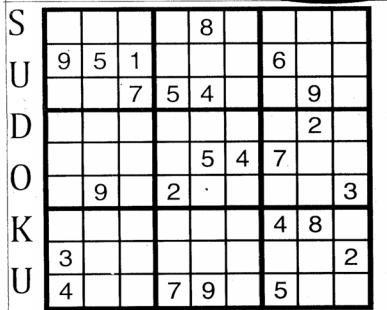
ride. Registration is free.

New this year, the Tahquamenon Country Pathways Association is organizing a timed snow shoe race, 3 p.m., held at the Whitefish Township Community Schools soccer field.

The students and staff of the school are developing the obstacle course, prizes and refreshments will be offered. Snowshoes, if needed, will be supplied by the school.

The winner of the local snow sculpture contest will be announced just prior to the commencement of the race. These local groups are collaborating with the chamber to encourage residents and visitors to the area to be heart active, and social while embracing the winter months.

Winter carnival continued on A4



Level: Intermediate

### Word Search

RING IT UP WORD SEARCH

C T R A C H B S E G A K C A I P M R C L N  
 D H E U Q I T U S B U A I L E Z I G  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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BOUTIQUE	DISCOUNT	PLASTIC	SIGNATURE
CART	DRESSING ROOM	PRICE	STOCK
CASH	EXCHANGE	PURCHASE	STORE
CHECK	LOCAL	RAINCHECK	SUPERMARKET
CHECKOUT	MERCHANDISE	REBATE	TICKET
CLOTHING	ONLINE	REGISTER	TRANSACTION
	CLOTHING	PACKAGE	RETURN

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to weddings. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = H)

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## Gym shopping

for you to keep your membership in good standing. This should be made clear to you by the company; if it is not clear, call the company and ask about the fee before you pay.

Exercise caution. If the club is advertising an unrealistically low price, be cautious.

Closing or changing ownership. Immediately reference the Attorney General's Business Sudden Closure consumer alert. If the business changes ownership but remains open, ask the new owner

for a contract containing the same terms as the one you have. Unless the new owner is honoring your old contract, you can't be required to join the new club. If you can't get written confirmation that your old contract will be honored and the new business refuses to provide a satisfactory resolution, file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Division.

Take the time to review all contracts carefully, prior to signing, to confirm that all promises made by the salesperson are written in the

contract. Also, make sure you understand your contractual obligations. Many consumers mistakenly believe that if they are no longer using the fitness center, they can discontinue payments on the contract.

Attorney General Schuette's consumer alert, Lose Weight, Not Money, is available online. Attorney General Schuette encourages residents with questions or concerns to contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division toll-free by calling (877) 765-8388.

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## mBank announces promotions made at executive level

MANISTIQUE — mBank is pleased to announce the promotions of Senior Vice President Clay Peterson and Senior Vice President Joanna Slaght to Executive Vice Presidents.



Clay Peterson

They will continue to provide top level leadership throughout various administrative, client service, and governance areas of the company to support future strategic growth objectives both organically and externally.

Clay Peterson, Executive Vice President, Western UP & Wisconsin Market Executive and Managing Director of Retail Banking. Mr. Peterson has been with the bank for approximately three years.

During this time, he has overseen all retail banking activities company wide, as well as managing all commercial lending activities in the Western UP and Wisconsin markets.

He was an integral part of the Senior Leadership Team in commemorating the successful 2016 Northern Wisconsin expansion acquisitions of the First National Bank of Eagle River, and the First National Bank of Niagara. His experience comes from an expansive, and diverse, 18 plus year banking career in Northern Michigan.

He is a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a B.S. in Business Management and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Graduate School of Banking.

Clay is a native of the Upper Peninsula and currently resides in Gladstone with his family where he has been living for the last 17 years.

Clay can be reached at (906) 786-8426 or by email at [cpeterson@bankmbank.com](mailto:cpeterson@bankmbank.com).

Joanna Slaght, Executive Vice President, Managing Director of Administration & Regulatory Compliance Risk. Mrs. Slaght has been with the bank for over 20 years.

During this time, she has served mBank in several key se-

nior management positions, including SVP Compliance Officer/Risk Manager, as well as overseeing Human Resources, Marketing, and Training & Development/Sales Administration for the company.

Through her direction, the bank has continued to attain a strong risk management governance program in terms of managing global loan and deposit compliance and internal audit risk throughout the organization.

Joanna holds a B.S. in Business Administration with a Finance Specialization from Marquette University.

Joanna currently resides in Newberry with her family where she has been living for the last 22 years.

Joanna can be reached at (906) 341-7151 or by email at [jslaght@bankmbank.com](mailto:jslaght@bankmbank.com).

Commenting on the Executive Level Management promotions, President and CEO Kelly W. George stated "Both these promotions for Clay and Joanna to Executive Management levels are so well deserved given their proven highly successful track records during their banking tenure, coupled with their strong educational and technical backgrounds. The day to day leadership and strategic insights they both bring to the respective roles, given the challenging regulatory and business climate we continue to operate in, are essential for the ongoing safe and sound growth of our banking footprint which has exceeded over \$1.0 Billion in assets in 2017 and 23 offices."

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### Joyce M. Swanson

FLUSHING, Mich. — Flushing and Fayette, Mich., resident, Joyce M. Swanson, 87, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at her home in Flushing, surrounded by her loving family.



Joyce M. Swanson

She was born June 26, 1930, in Fayette, Mich., the daughter of Herbert C. and Margaret J. (Watchorn) Pizzala and was a graduate of the Cooks High School in Cooks, Mich.

On June 23, 1951, the former Joyce M. Pizzala married Eugene A. Swanson in Fayette. They made their home in Fayette and thereafter moved to Flint where they raised their family. They have lived in both Flushing and Fayette for the past several years. Eugene preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 2004.

Affectionately known as "Sugar", Joyce was employed as a cook with the Beecher School System in Flat, Mich., retiring from there.

She was a member of the Flushing United Methodist Church. She enjoyed volunteering at the Genesys Regional Medical Center gift shop and was an avid Detroit Tiger and Detroit Piston sports fan.

She also enjoyed following her children and grandchildren in their

extra-curricular activities. She loved to talk on the telephone with family and friends.

Joyce is survived by her daughters, Cheryl (Rod) Jones of Flushing, Susan Abdella of Flushing, Linda (Kirk) Walters of Flushing, and Tracy (David) Sanborn of Grand Blanc, Mich.; son, Brian (Catherine) Swanson of Traverse City, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Joanne LaBute of Garden, Mich.; brothers, Darrel (Mary Fay) Pizzala of Garden, Mich. and Virgil (Nadine) Pizzala of Burton, Mich.; along with nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Swanson; and her brothers, Melvin, Donald, and James Pizzala.

Visitation will be held from 12-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Garden.

Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Lew Pizzala officiating.

Burial will be held in the New Garden Cemetery at Garden Township.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mbfuneral.com](http://www.mbfuneral.com).

### Nancy L. Wrosch

MANISTIQUE — Nancy Lou Wrosch, 76, passed away Monday evening, Jan. 8, 2018, at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

Her husband James is listed among the surviving family.

Funeral services for Nancy will be

held at the convenience of her family.

Skradski Family Funeral Homes of Delta County are assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be offered online at [www.skradskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.skradskifuneralhomes.com).

### Patricia A. Johnson

NEWBERRY, Mich. — Patricia Anne Johnson, 79, of Newberry, Mich., died Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at her home surrounded by her loving husband and children.

She was born in St. Joseph, Mich., on Oct. 25, 1938. She attended St. John's school and Nazareth College and taught in Lansing, Mich., for three years. Following her marriage to Jim Johnson, she moved to Newberry and spent several years teaching.

When the music group formed in Manistique she was one of the Newberry group that traveled to Manistique to work with Jim and Doreen Hatfield.

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Funeral Home in Newberry on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 4-7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Newberry with Fr. Marty Flynn officiating.

Rite of Committal will take place in the spring at Forest Home Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Gregory's Catholic Church or Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Paradise, Mich., in her memory. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family. Condolences may be expressed at [www.beaulieufuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulieufuneralhome.com).

### Ellen L. Swingle

MANISTIQUE — Ellen L. Swingle, 85, of Manistique, Mich., died on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at her home in Manistique with her daughter at her side.



Ellen L. Swingle

She was born Dec. 15, 1932, in Manistique, the daughter of Samuel and Flossie (Jones) Brown and attended Manistique area schools. She was a graduate of Manistique High School with the Class of 1951.

After high school, Ellen worked in several Manistique businesses including Creger's Dine Store as a clerk and Lauerma's Department Store for 13 years as an office manager and bookkeeper.

On Aug. 9, 1969, the former Ellen L. Brown married Edwin L. Swingle at the First Baptist Church in Manistique. They made their home in California where Ellen worked at JCPenney in Paso Robles, Calif., and two brothers.

Edwin preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 2016.

Following Edwin's retirement in 1979, they along with daughter, Melissa, moved back to Manistique and shortly thereafter

opened the Nearly New Furniture and Appliance Store. Ellen later worked as the secretary at the WTIQ Radio Station in Manistique and in the produce department at Jack's Fresh Market in Manistique, retiring in 1998.

Ellen was a member of the First Baptist Church in Manistique.

She enjoyed going to the casino, watching the Green Bay Packers on television and reading. Most importantly she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was a great mother and the best friend anyone could hope to have.

She is survived by her daughter, Melissa Swingle of Manistique; along with many other relatives and friends.

In addition to husband and parents, she is preceded in death by two sisters; and two brothers.

There will be no services at this time.

Messier-Broullire Funeral Home of Manistique is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mbfuneral.com](http://www.mbfuneral.com).

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## Winter carnival

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The Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the third annual Snow Bake-Off baking contest and bake sale. Anyone in the eastern Upper Peninsula can bring in their entry between 8 and 10 a.m. to the community center.

There are two divisions, adult and youth, in four categories: pies, breads, quick breads, and cookies. The judging commences at 10:30

**Quick facts**

- The fourth annual Winter Carnival will take place in Whitefish Township Jan. 26-28.
- The event includes snow sculptures, trail hike, breakfast, Vintage Snowmobile Show, Snow Bake-Off, and Winter Market Place.

then sold starting at noon in the Snow Bake-Off bake sale. Funds are used to cover the cost of next

season's event. A Winter Market Place is available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Vendors set up inside and out of the community center offering winter related gear or equipment. There is no charge for vendors to set up. Vendors do not need to stay for the duration of the market; arrangements can be made for items to be sold on their behalf.

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# Women's club announces short story winners

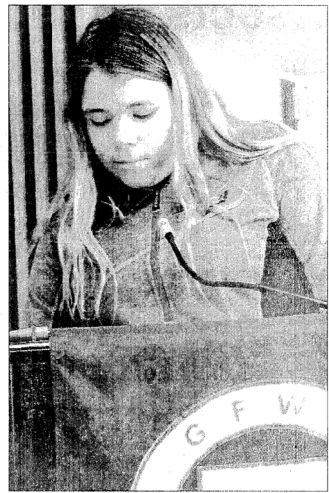
MANISTIQUE – The GFWC Manistique Women's Club has completed its annual Short Story Contest. Stories were submitted by sixth-grade students and evaluated by the club's Short Story Committee.

Students in Kathy Seaman's sixth-grade class submitted stories – done on a voluntary basis and independently. The GFWC Manistique Short Story Contest committee reads all stories and selects three as winners for monetary prizes and an opportunity to have the work forwarded to the state level for judging.

This year, Nathan Schoenow was the \$50 first place winner with the "Seagull that Could Not Fly!" His story will be sent to the state for judging in April.

The \$25 second place story was by Maricela Hider and the third place entry, winning \$15, was submitted by Janaya Goudreau.

To volunteer as a reader on the Short Story Contest Committee, join GFWC Manistique by calling membership chair Susan Hattas-Krumrey at (906) 235-9843.



Courtesy photos  
From left to right: Nathan Schoenow, Maricela Hider, and Janaya Goudreau.

At my house, we have a very open door policy—we constantly have people in our home for dinners, brunches and more, all the time.

Seriously – all the time.

And when friends or family are in town? They stay in our guest room.

These days, for whatever reason, people are less apt to open their homes to guests – whether friends or family, and meet in restaurants.

That's not a terrible thing at all, but when you consider the warmth of a home, the deliciousness of a home cooked meal and the sheer comely feel of being in your own home if you're hosting or someone else's home if you're a guest, it's a rare treat these days.

But underneath this act of hospitality, is an opportunity to build community, to love people up and connect in a way that you just can't do at a restaurant.

People are intimidated by having people over though – I've heard this over and over and over again.

Why?  
-My house isn't (fill in the blank) enough ... big, nice, whatever  
-I can't cook  
-It's too much work  
And on it goes.

I'm not going to lie, it does take a little work, but it doesn't have to be Thanksgiving-sized epic meals every single time. You don't have to pull out the silver and polish it like your grandmother did and paper napkins will work just fine – no ironing required. Because unlike "entertaining" Martha Stewart style, hospitality only requires an open door and an open heart.

In my experience, this is how family, friends and new acquaintances build community, friendships and a lot of love.

Think about opening your door to hospitality if you want a richer, more meaningful life filled with a wonderful community.

## Dinner Diva

Leanne Ely



Leanne Ely

It doesn't have to be fancy – it could even be a crockpot full of chili and a potluck with paper plates and such. There's no such thing as too casual when it comes to hospitality, keep that in mind.

I challenge you this year to open your doors to hospitality – I promise you, you will thank me later.

Love, Leanne.  
P.S. If you need help with some ideas for entertaining, I'll put some blog posts together for that. In the meantime, let me help you cook dinner for heaven's sake.

Leanne Ely is a NYT bestselling author and the creator of <http://SavoringDinner.com>, the original menu planning website.

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Message from the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network, UPGAP and Michigan Helath Endowment

# PreventT2 aiming to help local residents prevent type 2 diabetes

MANISTIQUE – One in three American adults has prediabetes. Those who have prediabetes are at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes, a serious disease.

Many people with prediabetes who do not lose weight or do moderate physical activity can develop type 2 diabetes within five years.

A person may have prediabetes and be at risk for type 2 diabetes if they:

- Are 45 years of age or older
- Are overweight
- Have a family history of type 2 diabetes
- Are physically active fewer than three times per week
- Ever had diabetes while pregnant (gestational diabetes) or gave birth to a baby that weighed more

than nine pounds

The good news: type 2 diabetes can be prevented. The PreventT2 lifestyle change program, offered by Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, can help.

PreventT2 is part of the National Diabetes Prevention Program, led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is proven to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

In PreventT2, participants will work in a group with a trained lifestyle coach to learn the skills needed to make lasting changes. These include losing a modest amount of weight, being more physically active, and managing stress.

Participants will learn to eat healthily, add physical activity to their lives, stay motivated, and

solve problems that can get in the way of healthy changes.

"If you have prediabetes, PreventT2 offers a real chance to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes by helping you adopt a healthier lifestyle," said Kelley Lentz, RDN, CSG. "The program empowers people to work individually, yet have group support, towards better health."

The local program is offered at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, beginning March 7 on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. Space is limited.

There is no cost for this year-long

introductory program. PreventT2 groups meet for a year – weekly for the first four months, biweekly for the next two months, then monthly for the last six months to maintain healthy lifestyle changes.

The PreventT2 program is based on research that found people with prediabetes can cut their risk of developing type 2 diabetes in half by losing five to seven percent of their body weight. That is about 10 to 14 pounds for a person weighing 200

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# Tips to safely manage insects on indoor plants

Winter can be hard on gardeners and our indoor plants. Low light, shorter days and dry air stress our houseplants while helping insects thrive. Don't despair if insects have moved in and your plants are struggling with yellow or speckled leaves. Instead, invest a bit of time and effort managing these pests and keeping your plants looking their best.

Start by making sure your plants receive the proper amount of light and water. A healthy plant is better able to resist and recover from insect infestations. Check the plant tag, internet or plant book for the recommended growing conditions.

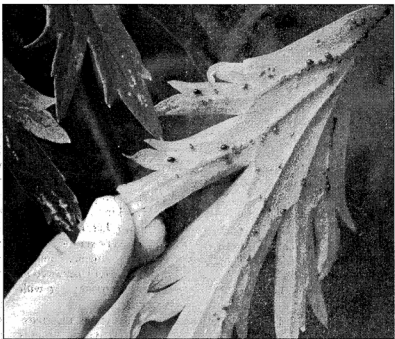
Make needed adjustments in your plant's care. Then take a closer look at the upper and lower leaf surfaces and stems of the plants for clues to the cause of the problem. Here are some of the more common indoor plant pests and organic options, safe for children and pets, for managing them.

Fungus gnats are those small fruit fly-like insects that fit around your house. They feed on plant roots and organic matter in the soil. They usually don't harm the plants, but certainly are annoying.

Just sprinkle an organic insecticide like Summit Mosquito Bits, that contain the active ingredient Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis on the soil surface. This naturally occurring bacterium only kills the larvae of fungus gnats, black flies and mosquitoes.

Aphids are common pests of indoor and outdoor plants. These small teardrop shaped insects suck plant juices, causing the leaves to yellow, brown, wilt or become distorted. They secrete a clear sticky substance known as honeydew.

Mites cause similar damage, but are too small to see without a hand lens. If you suspect mites, shake a leaf over a white piece of paper and watch for specks, the mites, moving across the paper. Don't wait until you see webbing to control these pests. At that point there are thousands of mites making it difficult to



Aphids shown on an indoor plant.

Courtesy photo

control.

Both these types of pests can be managed in the same way. Start by placing plants in the sink or tub and knock the insects off the plant with a strong blast of water. Follow with several applications of insecticidal soap to kill the adults. Repeat as needed. Or suffocate all stages of the insects with a lightweight horticultural oil like Summit Year-Round Spray Oil (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com).

Bumps on the stems and leaves of plants that can be easily scraped off with a thumbnail are scales. Their shells protect the adults and eggs from predators, weather and most insecticides. A similar pest, mealybug, has white waxy strands on its body for protection. Mealybugs can be found on stems, leaves and areas where leaves and stems meet.

Both types of insects suck the plant juices, causing leaves to yellow and plants to decline. And just like aphids and mites, they secrete honeydew. Both are difficult to control and require persistence on your part.

For mealybugs, remove the hard

scale covering with your thumbnail or old toothbrush. Use a cotton swab dipped in alcohol to dissolve its waxy covering and kill the insect. Then spray with insecticidal soap to kill the immature insects. This takes time and persistence to control these pests.

Or apply a lightweight horticultural oil, like that used for mites and aphids, to suffocate both the adult and immature stages of these pests. Continue to watch for outbreaks and treat as needed.

No matter what products you choose, natural or synthetic, make sure they are labeled for the plant and pest you are treating. And always read and follow label directions carefully.

Investing time in managing pests as soon as they appear means healthy and more attractive plants to brighten your indoor décor now and for years to come.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. Myers's web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).

Baby it's cold outside! It is time to start thinking of sunny days, picnics, etc. That is why we are inviting you to our annual Hotdog Roast set for Feb. 15. We are asking for a \$5 donation per person to cover the expense of the food.

Menu items will be char roasted quarter pound hotdogs right off the grill, homemade potato salad and baked beans, and all the fixings. Unfortunately, our hot fudge cake maker (Guerdia Frenette) has left for warmer weather, so we will have to improvise with another dessert.

If there is a "love to bake" person out there that would love to help us out, give the center a call at 341-5923.

Entertainment will begin at 4 p.m. with dinner being served at approximately 5 p.m. Call a few friends and invite them to join us.

Do you have a friend or relative that is in the military? The center would like to send a package. All you have to do is share their address. They do not have to be overseas.

It is our way of saying "hello" from Schoolcraft County. Give the center a call. We also accept donations to put in the packages.

A great big "thank you" to Penny Carlson for her assistance in new addresses. We recently sent several boxes out.

Annual "Timepiece" newsletter dues are now due. The cost is \$5 per year. If you are new, info needed is: name, address, telephone number, and birth date.

Senior Companions will be meeting at the center Jan. 19 at 10:30 a.m. If you think you might want to become involved, drop by and check them out.

Northern Michigan Hearing will be at the center Feb. 25. If you would like an appointment, give Craig a call at (800) 637-7816.

The Senior Center would like to welcome Erica Marcella to the CAA staff. Many of you know that the kitchen is leased to Community Action Agency, which of course, has a separate staff.

Erica will be responsible for their assessments, reassessments, and all the paperwork that is involved in receiving funding.

I thought I would share with those that are unfamiliar, what the

nutrition program is all about. Let's start with the Congregate Nutrition Program. The mission is to improve the quality of life and maintain the highest level of independence for those persons age 60 and over who reside in Schoolcraft County. CAA asks for a donation of \$3 per person for those age 60 or older.

The Congregate meals are not designed specifically for people who cannot afford to buy groceries or who are too ill to prepare their own meals. They are intended to improve and maintain the health of all who are age 60 or older, whether they live in Schoolcraft County or are just visiting in the area. Persons who are under age 60 are also welcome, however, there is a charge of \$7. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal for seniors age 60 or older or the spouse of someone who is 60 or older.

Most of the attendees are vibrant, active people who enjoy having the opportunity to share a meal with friends. Many just don't have the time, the desire or the energy it takes to plan and prepare balanced meals to eat at home every day.

The federal report on life expectancy held some very interesting facts that while not surprising, are none the less food for thought. The numbers in the report are staggering. It is projected that by 2050 the number of Americans over the age of 65 will reach over 80 million.

Seniors over the age of 85 are the fastest growing segment of the over 65 population. The downside of increased longevity is increased risk of certain diseases and disorders. That is why it is so important to eat healthy.

With that, I encourage you to drop by and request a menu, invite a friend or two, and enjoy a lunch. The fun part is that you don't have to cook! For further information give Erica a call at 341-5085.

Monetary donations were received in memory of:

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Bridge Jan. 12: First-Lauris Barr, Second-Muriel Whitman, Third-Patsy Calhoun, CF-Doris DeMars. Host, Larry Savoie.

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# PreventT2

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Historical society will present discussion of prohibition in UP

MANISTIQUE - Russell M. Magnaghi, retired NMU professor and award-winning historian, will be the guest author at a brown bag lunch sponsored by the Schoolcraft County Historical Society.



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Professor Magnaghi will discuss his latest book, "Prohibition in the Upper Peninsula". Magnaghi explores the wild history of

Yopper Prohibition where "moonshiners, bootleggers, and rumrunners thrived." Enforcement of Prohibition varied throughout the U.P. In Schoolcraft County, Sheriff Jack Hewitt became legendary for his raids on illicit stills and the rigid enforcement of the law.

Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and dessert will be provided by the historical society. Admission donation of \$5 to benefit the historical society.

Samantha Alexandria Morgan, 24, N. Maple Street, Manistique, charged with expired plate (12/17). Assessed \$135.

David Scott Hartman, 39, County Road 442, Manistique, charged with violation of the seatbelt law (12/17). Assessed \$65.

Max Constantino, 57, 32nd Road, Rapid River, charged with cause/allow to be operated overweight (11/17). Assessed \$1,198.

Donald Alan Slater, 57, Johnston Street, Sault Ste. Marie, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (12/17). Assessed \$115.

Laura Beth Zellar, 34, M-77, Gernfask, charged with violation of the basic speed law (12/17). Assessed \$115.

Bruce Lloyd Sundberg, 55, S Road, Rapid River, charged with cause/allow to operate overweight (12/17). Assessed \$150.

Kaleb Paul Ackley, 26, Lustia

Road, Gernfask, charged with defective equipment - fail to maintain (10/17). Assessed \$204.

Harold Marshall Hanson, 78, 17th Road, Garden, charged with violation of license restrictions, cause/allow to operate over width and no annual inspection (12/17). Assessed \$402.

Amber Dawn Mayers, 40, Eighth Street, Gladstone, charged with driving 75 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (12/17). Assessed \$125.

Kaleen Marie Olli, 23, N. Eighth Street, Marquette, charged with disobeying a stop sign (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Haley Marie Norton, 23, County Road 442, Cooks, charged with driving 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone (12/17). Assessed \$115.

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93rd District Court

Dustin Lee Barbeau, 26, Fayette Street, Garden, charged with expired plate over three days (12/17). Assessed \$135.

Jesse James Baker, 40, Quarry Road, Gulliver, charged with driving too fast for conditions (11/17). Assessed \$115.

Jason Scott Hill, 23, Piche Road, Brimley, charged with speeding 1-5 over (12/17). Assessed \$115.

Corey Jon Henry, Jr., 24, LL Road, Rapid River, charged with fishing more than three lines (12/17). Assessed \$210.

Jason Corey Anderson, 41, Pearl Street, Manistique, pled guilty in 93rd District Court to drive while license strid (1/18). Assessed \$50 state costs, \$75 crime victim rights assessment, \$60 statute fine, \$90 statute costs, \$275 total.

mBank merger

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headquartered in Michigan, out of 97 (ranked by total assets of such institutions as of September 30, 2017, after giving effect to the acquisition.) Upon the closing of the transaction, Michael W. Mahler, First Federal of Northern Michigan CEO, will remain with mBank (at its Alpena, MI location) as EVP of Community Banking and Administration. In this position Mr. Mahler will oversee company-wide retail lending and branch banking platforms, as well as human resources, professional development, and marketing. In addition, one mutually agreeable director from FFNM will join the Mackinac and mBank boards.

cellent opportunity to create long term value for FFNM shareholders and continue a strong community focused banking presence in Alpena and the other communities we serve. Further, the scale and lending limits of the commercial banking platform that Mackinac brings will combine with our robust mortgage platform to offer our valued clients an even more complete banking experience. More importantly, we have spent significant time with mBank's leadership to ensure their culture, customer service approach, commitment to their employees and community focus is consistent with First Federal's. We have determined that our business approaches are very similar. In my new role based in Alpena, I am excited to remain heavily involved in the bank, our community and with our clients."

"We are extremely pleased and excited to be able to partner with another long-standing community-focused institution in First Federal and have Mike join our Executive Leadership Team as Alpena becomes another key commerce and operational hub of the organization," said Kelly W. George, mBank President and CEO. "mBank remains a safe and sound community bank, and we believe the customer-centric cultures and community bank oriented traditions of our two organizations are very complementary and were the driving impetus for the combination of the two banks. The combined organization will have a strong capital position and well-structured balance sheet to further actively compete and grow within our expanding geographic footprint along with providing accretive financial returns to our shareholders. From the entire mBank staff, management, and Board of Directors, we all look forward to working with First Federal. We want to assure the FFNM customers, shareholders and employees that as we move through to the closing of the transaction, we will work transparently in making the transaction as smooth as possible. More details of the transaction will be forthcoming in the next several weeks and then ongoing."

FFNM CEO, Michael W. Mahler commented on the transaction, "We believe this merger is an excellent opportunity to create long term value for FFNM shareholders and continue a strong community focused banking presence in Alpena and the other communities we serve. Further, the scale and lending limits of the commercial banking platform that Mackinac brings will combine with our robust mortgage platform to offer our valued clients an even more complete banking experience. More importantly, we have spent significant time with mBank's leadership to ensure their culture, customer service approach, commitment to their employees and community focus is consistent with First Federal's. We have determined that our business approaches are very similar. In my new role based in Alpena, I am excited to remain heavily involved in the bank, our community and with our clients."

Mackinac anticipates the transaction to be accretive to earnings per share, exclusive of transaction related costs, for 2018 of 8.0% with increasing accretion estimated of 16.0% for 2019 and 18.0% for 2020. Operating economies of scale and other combined efficiencies are initially projected to be approximately 35% and are targeted to be fully phased in by the end of 2018. The Tangible Book Value earn back for Mackinac is currently expected to be approximately 3 years or less.

"Strategically, this transaction makes sense for us on all fronts" commented Paul D. Tobias, Chairman of Mackinac and mBank. "Our strategy has been to deliver loan centric banking services to communities that have both commercial and consumer opportunities and low-cost core deposits. We build our annual plan on organic growth but have been and will continue to seek out acquisitions that create scale and support our strategy. FFNM in Alpena and surrounding markets adds low cost deposits and a very strong mortgage business. More importantly we are adding quality team members to help us execute our strategy. We look forward to working with FFNM

Board members and employees to continue FFNM's traditional support of the community."

In closing, FFNM Board Chairman Martin Thomson commented, "Given mBank's presence and commitment to many Northern Michigan communities, businesses and residents, they are an excellent fit for our organization and customer base. We believe our similar business philosophies will result in the preeminent bank in Northern Michigan. The FFNM Board and Management team also believe the partnership with mBank will deliver significant value for current FFNM shareholders and give them the opportunity to realize additional value in the future as shareholders of Mackinac Financial Corporation."

The transaction remains subject to approval by FFNM and MFNC shareholders and approval by federal and state regulatory authorities as well as the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions provided in the merger agreement. The merger agreement also provides that First Federal of Northern Michigan will be consolidated into mBank. Mackinac was advised by Piper Jaffray & Co. and the law firm of Honigan Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. FFNM was advised by ProBank Austin and the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP.

Headquartered in Manistique, Mich., mBank is the principal subsidiary of Mackinac Financial Corporation whose common stock is traded on the NASDAQ stock market as "MFNC." With assets in excess of \$980 million, the community bank empowers individuals and small- to medium-sized businesses with smart financing and depositary solutions for peace of mind.

First Federal of Northern Michigan Bancorp, Inc. is a community-based financial services company with assets in excess of \$320 million located in Alpena, Michigan and the parent company of First Federal of Northern Michigan, its wholly owned subsidiary bank.

Walk for Warmth

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should call 341-2452. The Manistique walk is cosponsored by Kewadin Casinos, Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, Radio Results Network, and WJMN-Local TV3. "We've never doubted that we serve good, caring communities,

and year after year this event helps prove it," said Pearson. "Many people are unacceptably cold in their homes, and these walks ... make a difference." The effort has received widespread community support over the years. Local schools have

participated in the past by hosting a "Crazy Hat Day" or "Pajama Day" - asking for a \$1 donation from students participating in the special days. "We'd also like to challenge our younger folks to join us on walk day," Pearson said.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MANISTIQUE AND THE USERS OF THE CITY'S WASTEWATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

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## Park grant funds

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includes: a skate park, \$80,000; fencing, \$30,000; picnic tables, \$3,000; a pavilion, \$50,000; volleyball court, \$5,000; benches, \$2,000; signage, \$5,000; lighting, \$30,000; ADA-approved access pathway, \$40,000; landscaping, \$13,000; and a security camera, \$2,000. Along with permit fees and engineering costs, the total for the park project will be \$300,000.

With the grant, the city will need to produce a 50 percent match for the project — the other \$150,000.

"We can use in-kind materials and labor for the project," explained Powers. "A majority of our funds for our match will come from in-kind work, such as the Manistique Department of Public Works pouring the cement for the skate park, installing the grills, etc. That's why we don't have to go out there and raise all of this money."

The funds for the grant and project will flow through the Recreation Department budget, Powers explained, and any funds raised for specific portions of the city's required match.

Powers said that local resident Pam Weber has been "instrumental" in the development of the skate park. Manistique Recreation Director Kristi King added that Weber has been working with different groups of area students for almost a decade to get the funding needed a skate park.

"A lot of this is a long time in the making," Powers said, noting that there is currently \$8,000 in a skate park fund, and that the local Kiwanis Club, of which Weber is a member, is looking into possible grants to increase that amount.

Powers pointed out that the city's once-famed Paul Bunyan statue is a planned feature of the park, but was not approved as part of the grant. For that reason, the reinstatement of this iconic statue, constructed in 1960 and destroyed by high winds in 1975, will be reliant on private fundraising. He added that residents Roger and Nancy Irie originally began the fundraising campaign for the statue and Manistique City Council member Paul Walker has also played an active role in ensuring the statue's return.

According to Walker, in its 15-year run, the Paul Bunyan statue was the most photographed "man" in the Upper Peninsula. He noted that the current cost to replace the statue is estimated to be around \$40,000.

"We have approximately \$11,000 in the Paul Bunyan fund. Initially, that fundraising effort started at the Manistique's (Sesquicentennial) 150th celebration back in 2010. Roger and Nancy Irie started this process and



Courtesy photo

Although he won't be funded by recently received grant funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a replacement of the iconic Paul Bunyan statue from the 1960s and 1970s (pictured above) will be featured in the new Blanchard Paul Bunyan Park. Fundraising for the statue is currently underway.

the credit goes to them for their incredible efforts," Walker said. "My only role was trying to keep the Paul Bunyan project alive during the past seven years through letters to the editor and social media in terms of fundraising with the hope of seeing Big Paul back at its original location (the former Lincoln School playground)."

Funds for the Paul Bunyan statue have been acquired through private donations and a recently received 2 percent grant from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Powers said the local Elks Lodge has also played an important role in the development of the park.

According to Jim Gaffney, who currently serves as the club's treasurer, the Elks has received \$13,000 in grant funding from the Elks National Foundation to put toward the park. Projects completed with the funding, thus far, include: the repair and refurbishment of the outdoor basketball courts; the purchase of grills, picnic tables, benches, and garbage cans for the park, as well as the installation of cement pads on which the purchases may be placed; the repair and repainting of playground equipment, the purchase of wood chips to place around playground

equipment; and the purchase of new swings and other playground equipment.

As for the timeline for the park project, Powers said the recreation department will first receive detailed conceptual maps of the park, then the project will be placed out for bid to contractors. The city will not be able to commence actual construction on the project until these initial steps are completed, he added, meaning groundbreaking will take place either in late fall 2018 or in spring 2019.

Manistique City Manager Sheila Aldrich said the grant award is a positive step forward for the city.

"This effort has taken many years to come to fruition and several people have worked to make it a reality," she explained. "The first skateboarders, with the help of Recreation Chair Mike Powers, Recreation Director Doug Smith, and Pam Weber worked almost 10 years ago to raise the dollars to help fund a skate park. In addition, the fundraising effort for resurrection of Paul Bunyan was taken on by Roger and Nancy Irie, who formed a committee to do so.

The park area is an important part of Manistique's history," she continued. "I appreciate the commitment of everyone involved and

This Friday marks the end of the first semester of the 2017-18 school year. At the Manistique High School, students are completing exam week, while at Emerald, students are completing mid-year AIMSWEB testing.

As we reach the midpoint of the school year, it is good to reflect on what has happened in the first 18 weeks and to look forward to the next 18 weeks and the fresh start that comes with the new semester.

On Jan. 22, students will start the second semester with a clean slate. Every student will have a 4.0 GPA and perfect attendance. The decisions that are made from Monday forward will determine the student's success for the upcoming semester.

School attendance is key in school success. Students who are not in the classroom for instruction tend to not perform as well as students who are present for lessons their teachers deliver.

Manistique Area Schools recognizes 10 absences as the maximum number of absences acceptable per semester. This is consistent with expectations across the state, with many schools adopting the mantra, "Strive for Five" to encourage students to not miss more than five days per semester.

The new semester is also the time of year for those students who have been considering transferring to Manistique Area Schools to take advantage of the School Choice open window to register and enroll as an Emerald and begin classes on Jan. 22. If you are interested

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Maryann Boddy

In making a mid-year transfer to Manistique Area Schools, contact Maryann Boddy at Emerald Elementary (341-4332) or John Shiner (341-4300) for more information.

High school students who transfer at the semester will have the benefit of being involved in the spring scheduling process and have access to the Early/Middle College program, Advanced Placement classes, Career and Technical Education classes, including Welding, Careers in Education, Health Occupations, Auto Tech, and Construction Trades; electives including Advanced PE, Independent Living, Accounting, STEM, The Grind, Spanish and Band to name a few.

Extra curricular opportunities include FIRST Robotics, Drama, Friends Helping Friends, YETI and many other clubs and athletic opportunities.

As you take advantage of the new year and make your new year's resolutions to improve areas of your life, take advantage of the new semester to resolve to make improvements in your school experience.

Eighteen weeks down, eighteen weeks to go... make the most of it! Note: If you are interested in being part of the MAS District improvement process you are invited to attend a work session Feb. 14, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the MHS auditorium.

The work session will consist of reviewing current data and planning for the 2018-19 school year and beyond.

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## Fast start leads to Mustang victory

**MUNISING** — After coming up short by 30 points in their season opener, Coach David Winkler got three solid quarters from his Emerald girls' varsity basketball squad Tuesday night, but couldn't find an answer to the Mustangs' Kianne Wendt's play early in Munising.

On fire from the opening jump, Wendt finished the night with a game high 27 points in a 51-36 victory over Manistique. Wendt set the tone early, scoring 12 points in the first quarter for Munising, who controlled a 19-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

After giving up 19 points in the first quarter, Manistique kept pace with the Mustangs in the second, matching their offensive output at 12 points.

"After being outscored by 14 points in the first quarter, we pretty much were able to play them even the rest of the way," said Winkler. "We had it down to about 10 points halfway through the third quarter, but were never able to get their lead down to the single digits. I was happy with the effort and execution all night tonight."

Coming off the break, Manistique managed to keep pace with the Mustangs (7-1) in the second half of play.

"We played probably our most focused game from start to finish tonight," explained Winkler. "We have been working a lot on the mental part of the

## Girls' basketball

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## NFL Stats

### Weekend Playoff Schedule Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018

- Jacksonville Jaguars at New England Patriots, 3:05 p.m., CBS
- Minnesota Vikings at Philadelphia Eagles, 6:40 p.m., FOX

## Coming Up in Sports

### Manistique Emeralds

**Boys Varsity Basketball**  
Thurs., Jan. 18 vs. Iron Mountain at HOME, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 19 vs. Escanaba at Escanaba, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 23 vs. Newberry at Newberry, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls Varsity Basketball**  
Fri., Jan. 19 vs. Ishpeming at HOME, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 25 vs. Gladstone at HOME, 7:15 p.m.

**Varsity Wrestling**  
Sat., Jan. 20 vs. U.P. Invitational at Marquette, 10 a.m.

**Varsity Swim**  
Thurs., Jan. 25 vs. Westwood/Kingsford at HOME, 5 p.m.

**Big Bay de Noc Black Bears**  
**Boys Varsity Basketball**  
Thurs., Jan. 18 vs. Norway at Norway 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 22 vs. Hannahville at HOME, 6 p.m.

**Girls Varsity Basketball**  
Fri., Jan. 19 vs. Forest Park at HOME, 6 p.m.  
Mon., Jan. 22 vs. Hannahville at HOME, 6 p.m.



Taking second place in the Battle at the Bridge Midget Showdown at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace over the weekend was the State Savings Bank team. Pictured in front, from left to right, are: Alex Oas, DJ Bowers, Owen Klarich, Mason Miller, and Lucas Goid. Back row: Jenny Khao, Jessica Johnson, Morgan Miller, Christian Malloy, Jack Sanders, Hunter Miller, and Logan Savage. The team is led by Head Coach Don Bowers, with assistance from Craig Savage and JR Miller.

## State Savings midgets take second

**ST. IGNACE** — Over the weekend, the State Savings Bank midget hockey team participated in the Battle at the Bridge, an annual tournament held inside the Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace.

With a guaranteed four-game schedule in front of them, State Savings came out strong in their opening contest Friday, defeating

the Soo Sabers by a score of 6-2. The night cap played out a little different for the Upper Peninsula based SSB, as they dropped a 7-4 decision to downstate Rockford Friday evening.

Saturday morning, the team was back in full force with a 6-0 win over Saginaw. They repeated their performance

in game two, topping Traverse City 6-0 and setting up a showdown for the championship Sunday against Rockford.

Coming off two solid outings, their hope of avenging a earlier loss played out to the end, but Rockford held on to defeat SSB 5-4 and win the Battle of the Bridge championship.

## Late rally not enough for the Bears

**COOKS** — The Big Bay de Noc's Kellen Thill dropped 23 points for the Black Bears at home, but the effort wasn't enough to help the team dig out of a hole early Monday night. Taking advantage of seven Big Bay turnovers, Mid-Peninsula jumped out to a 10-5 lead in the first quarter on their way to a 62-53 win.

Up by five points, the Mid-Pen Wolverines dumped in 20 more points in the second quarter to control a 35-19 lead at the break. Sophomore Zack Englund paced the Wolverines with six points.

Thill scored 10 for the Black Bears, including a pair from three-point range. Trailing by 16 points, Big Bay made



Setting one up from out from the top of the key, Kellen Thill attempts two of his game-high 23 points in the Bears' 62-53 loss to the visiting Mid-Pen Wolverines.

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## Annual Indian Lake Ice Fishing Derby set

**MANISTIQUE** — The annual Indian Lake Ice Fishing Derby has been scheduled for Jan. 27-28.

With participation in last year's derby at 270 — near record number range, the Manistique Area Sport Fishing Club, organizers of the 31st annual derby, are hopeful the weather and fish will cooperate again this year.

The event will feature an 80 percent payout of registration fees in two categories, with five cash prizes awarded in both the walleye and perch divisions.

Kids 12 and under will continue to be able to fish for free in the kids' category. Trophies will be awarded for the top three perch in this category.

Two new events will take place this year. For an additional entrance fee of \$5 anglers will have the opportunity to participate in a Pike Category, which will also pay back 80 percent of the additional fees collected for the longest pike caught.

That purse was enhanced with a \$100 donation by the Indian Lake Travel Resort.

The second new event will payout \$100 for the longest

trout caught, this prize is sponsored by Moon Shine Lures.

To take part in either new event, participants must be entered in main tournament.

The registration station will be located on Evergreen Drive (Danielson's Landing) as in previous years. Final registration is 9 a.m. Jan. 27.

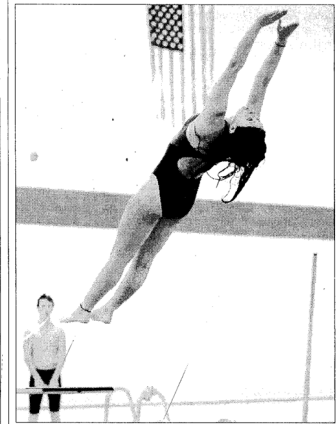
Tickets are available in advance at Top O'Lake Sport Shop. It should be noted, first registered is the second tie breaker after weight.

Awards will be presented at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 28.

Event organizers do not offer any advice as to the conditions of the ice and encourage participants to use caution when on the lake as the thickness of the ice varies and cracks often develop on Indian Lake.

Anglers must abide by all tournament rules and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fishing Regulations. This includes limiting lines to three per person — no exceptions. DNR officers will be out on the ice checking for compliance during the tournament.

For more information, call Brett Tallman at 286-0234.



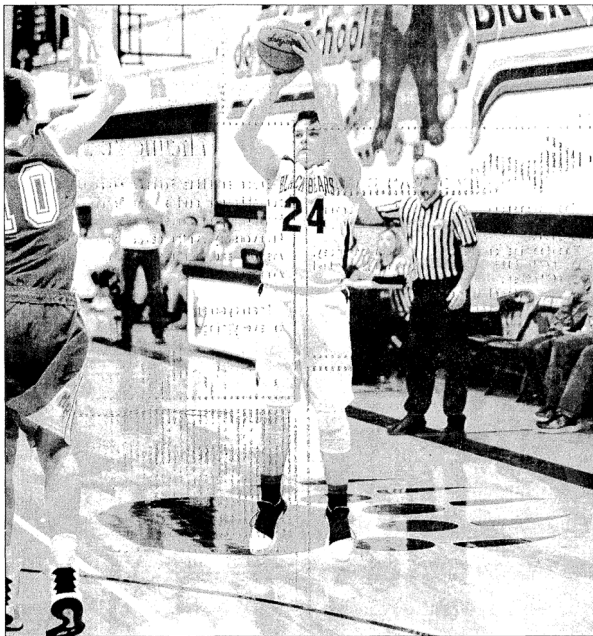
Joe LeBlanc photo

On Saturday, the Emerald co-ed swim team participated in the annual Splash-N-Dash held in Marquette. Abby Burnham took second in diving with a 147.25, just behind Bethany Laaksos of Westwood, who finished first with a 173.20. Burnham is shown above, mid-leap, competing at the Emeralds' recent home meet against Gladstone. Stop over at [www.mstapioneertribune.smugmug.com/sports](http://www.mstapioneertribune.smugmug.com/sports) to view the full dive transition.

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Joe LeBlanc photos  
Chris Chaperon, pictured above, made nine of his points from outside the arc in the third quarter, netting three triples. Chaperon followed up with an additional one in the fourth to finish the night with 12 points. At right, Alex LaLonde glides in to attempt two off the glass. View additional game photos at [www.mstqioneertribune.smugmug.com/sports](http://www.mstqioneertribune.smugmug.com/sports).

up ground, outscoring Mid-Pen 17-7 in the third. Chris Chaperon hit three of his four triples on the night in that quarter – he finished with 12 points.

Holding on to a six-point lead, Terry Brower went to work, scoring 16 in the final eight minutes of play. Brower hit twice behind the arc and went six-of-six from the free throw line. He finished the night with 27 points to lead all scorers.

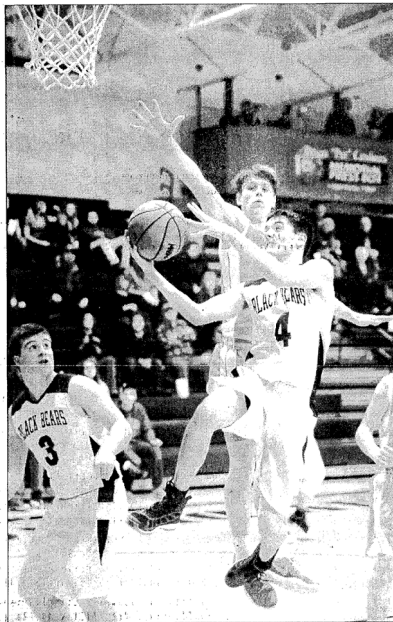
Big Bay (0-8) travels to Norway tonight (Thursday) after press time. The Knights (6-2) made it five-in-a-row with a 65-42 win over North Dickenson Jan. 15 and will host Hannahville next Monday night.

Big Bay: 5, 14, 17, 17 – 53

Mid-Pen: 10, 20, 7, 20 – 63

Big Bay: McKeage four, A LaLonde six, Thil 23, Chaperon 12, Nolan Rarcedon eight.

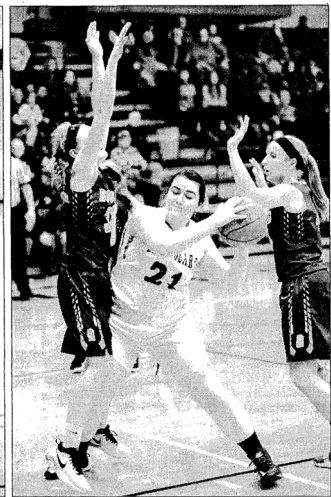
Mid Pen: Brower 27, Englund 13, Trudell 14, Numminen six, Rajala two.



# Rockets have just a little more fuel

Joe LeBlanc photo

Meagan Younker and Maddie McPhee scramble for a loose ball during last Wednesday's 42-47 loss to the Rapid River Rockets at home. Behind by one at the end of the first quarter (12-13), the Bay de Noc Black Bears went into the locker room leading 19-16 at the half. Unfortunately for the Bears, the Rockets had a little more fuel after the break to lead by one, 25-26, at the end of the third. The Bears finished the night losing 42-47. Below, Rylie Lawrence is pictured on the right taking a free shot at the charity strip. Alexia Mercier makes the attempt under the net. Additional photos may be viewed at [www.mstqioneertribune.smugmug.com/sports](http://www.mstqioneertribune.smugmug.com/sports).



# Emeralds make small splash at annual meet

MARQUETTE – The Emeralds hosted Gladstone Jan. 10 and followed that meet competing in the annual Splash and Dash in Marquette Saturday.

According to Coach Gwen Hoenke, the Emeralds finished the night at home with some great swims.

"We had a number of swimmers that had lifetime best times," said Hoenke. "Joe Barr ended the night dropping one second in the 100 backstroke. Maddie Schwartz dropped two seconds in the 100 freestyle, as did teammate

Shelby Misniakiewicz. The biggest improvement on time was Erica LaFar in the 100 freestyle. She dropped six seconds in her time."

Competing in Marquette, the small Emerald squad was competing against some powerhouse teams. Still improving on their personal events and times, some athletes were able to place in the top 10 for their events.

Abby Burnham took second in diving with a 147.25.

Joey VanDyck took sixth in boys' diving with a final score of 123.35. Joe Barr finished the 50 back-

stroke in a time of 31.22 to take third place. Barr also took sixth place in the 50 butterfly in a time of 29.55.

Swimming in the 50 breaststroke, Daren Hicks took eighth with a time of 36.30.

Barr, VanDyck, Hicks, and Daren McCaffrey teamed up to finish the meet, taking tenth in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 2:07.86.

The Emeralds will be back at home Jan. 25 when they host Kingsford and Westwood for a triangular meet.

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game, and I thought tonight was the best we have handled that all season. We never let them go on that huge run that carries for the rest of the game.

"They would go on short, quick, little runs, but then we would get the stops and scores we needed to end those runs before they got out of control," he added. "We are also learning the style we have to play in order to give ourselves a chance to win. We need to keep the pace of the game down, especially against a team that likes to play up tempo like Munising. The girls did a good job tonight of embracing that and making the necessary efforts to play more our style. It wasn't perfect, but we finally are showing signs of better controlling the things we can control." This was definitely a step in the right direction tonight and gives us something to build on going forward."

Rena Schuetter led the Emeralds in scoring with 10 points. Manistique starts a four-game home stretch Friday against Ishpeming. Ishpeming is 8-1 on the season...

their lone loss was at the hands of Negaunee.

Manistique won the junior varsity contest Tuesday 55-28 to improve to 5-4 on the season.

Manistique: 5, 12, 8, 11, 36

Munising: 19, 12, 11, 9 - 51

Manistique: Berry six, Kraatz three, Peterson eight, Schuetter 10, Muth nine.

Munising: Downs two, Wendt 27, K Ackerman seven, M Ackerman six, Johnson four, Fitzgibbon three, Werner two.

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**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES**

Please take notice that a meeting of the Schoolcraft County Planning Commission will be held on **Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.**, at the Schoolcraft County Building at 300 Walnut Street, Manistique, Michigan.

At this meeting, the Planning Commission will consider and hold a public hearing on proposed text amendments to Sections 2.02, 4.06.M and 6.24 of the Schoolcraft County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would allow medical marijuana facilities in certain zoning districts, subject to authorization by the township, city or village in which the proposed facility will be located. The proposed amendments would also provide standards for some medical marijuana facilities in certain districts.

The Planning Commission is receiving written comments concerning the proposed amendments at the Schoolcraft County Building at 300 Walnut Street, Manistique, Michigan. Written comments must be received by the Township prior to the start of the public hearing on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

**This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and published in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110.**

Schoolcraft County will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to Schoolcraft County by writing or calling the following: Beth Edwards, Clerk; Schoolcraft County Building at 300 Walnut Street, Manistique, Michigan; Telephone: (906) 341-3618.

*A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Clerk*

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**ANSWERS FOR JANUARY 18, 2018**

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
OF  
VIVIAN ELLEN NELSON,  
DECEASED  
Date of Birth: April 24, 1924  
Date of Death: January 15, 2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** Vivian Ellen Nelson, who lived at 609N Intake Park Road, Apt. 104, Manistique, Michigan, died on January 15, 2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent will be forever barred unless presented to Maurita Heiland or Leroy Ekblad, Co-Trustees of the Roy and Vivian Nelson Trust, until September 18, 2018, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. This notice is given pursuant to MCL 700.7008.

Publication date of this notice: January 18, 2018

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Default has occurred in a Mortgage made by AMANDA L. POPE, to The State Savings Bank of Manistique, a Michigan banking corporation, dated May 12, 2008, and recorded May 13, 2008, in Liber 243 of Mortgages, Pages 45-54, Schoolcraft County Records. No proceedings have been initiated to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$30,739.25.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged property at public auction to the highest bidder, on Friday, February 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, in the City of Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan, and the place of holding Circuit Court in said County. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 6.50%, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes or insurance premiums that the mortgagee pays before the sale.

The property address is 419 Delta Avenue, Manistique, Michigan 49854, located in the City of Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan, and is more particularly described as:

Lot of Block 5 of Riverside Addition to the Village of Manistique, according to the recorded plat thereof; The redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale; or thirty (30) days from the date of sale if the property is deemed to be abandoned under applicable law.

Pursuant to MCL Section 600.3278, during the period of redemption following a foreclosure sale of property under this chapter, the mortgagee and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagee, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at the sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of the mortgagee or other person liable on the mortgage.

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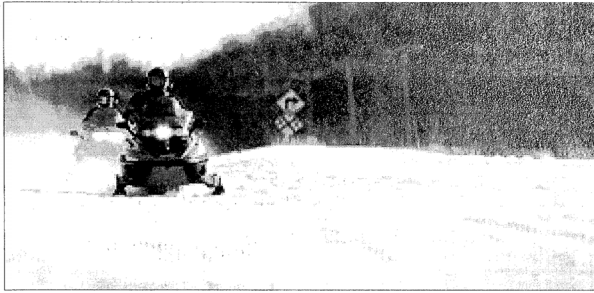


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Changing weather conditions could be affecting the safety of ice.

## Changing weather conditions prompt DNR ice safety reminder

MARQUETTE – The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds anglers, snowmobilers and other outdoor enthusiasts to exercise caution on the ice, especially as temperatures fluctuate across the state.

The recent deep freeze has given way to a warming trend, which affects the integrity of ice. In addition to temperature changes, DNR conservation officers say other factors determine the strength of ice, and that outdoor enthusiasts should know the warning signs.

"Don't assume the ice is safe just because a lake or stream looks frozen," said Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR recreational safety programs supervisor. "There are several factors that can determine the strength of the ice. Understanding and recognizing these factors, as well as using common sense and caution, will allow you to have a more enjoyable outdoor experience and to make it home safely."

According to Wanless, You can't always determine the strength of ice simply by its look, its thickness, the temperature or whether the ice is covered with snow. New ice generally is stronger than old ice. While a couple of inches of new, clear ice may be strong enough to support a person, a foot of old ice riddled with air bubbles may not.

Clear ice that has a bluish tint is the strongest. Ice formed by melted and refrozen snow appears milky, and often is porous and weak.

Ice covered by snow always

should be presumed unsafe. Snow acts like an insulating blanket and slows the freezing process, making the ice thinner and weaker.

If there is slush on the ice, stay off. Slush ice is only about half as strong as clear ice and indicates the ice no longer is freezing from the bottom.

Be especially cautious in areas where air temperatures have fluctuated. A warm spell may take several days to weaken the ice. But when temperatures vary widely, causing ice to thaw during the day and refreeze at night, the result is a weak, spongy or honeycombed ice that is unsafe.

The DNR does not recommend the standard "inch-thickness" guide used by many outdoor enthusiasts to determine ice safety. A minimum of four inches of clear ice is needed to support an average person's weight, but since ice seldom forms at a uniform rate it is important to check the thickness with a spud and ruler every few steps.

Deep inland lakes take longer to freeze than shallow lakes. Ice cover on lakes with strong currents or chain-of-lakes systems also is more unpredictable.

Ice near shore tends to be much weaker because of shifting, expansion and heat from sunlight reflecting off the bottom. If there's ice on the lake but water around the shoreline, proceed with caution. Avoid areas with protruding logs, brush, plants and docks as they can absorb heat from the sun and

weaken the surrounding ice.

Wanless said that anyone walking onto a frozen lake or river should wear a life jacket, wear bright colors, carry a cellphone and bring a set of ice picks or ice claws. He advises against taking a car, truck or snowmobile on the ice.

If you do break through the ice, Wanless offered the following tips: Try to remain calm.

Don't remove your winter clothing. Heavy clothes won't drag you down, but they can trap air to provide warmth and flotation. This is especially true with a snowmobile suit.

Turn your body toward the direction you came from, as that ice is probably the strongest.

If you have ice picks or ice claws, dig their points into the ice while vigorously kicking your feet and pull yourself onto the surface by sliding forward on the ice.

Once out of the water, roll away from the area of weak ice. Rolling on the ice will distribute your weight to help avoid breaking through again.

Get to shelter, warm yourself, change into dry clothing and consume non-alcoholic, non-calificated drinks.

Call 911 and seek medical attention if you feel disoriented, have uncontrollable shivering or notice any other ill-effects that may be symptoms of hypothermia.

To learn more about staying safe while on the water or in the woods, visit the DNR website at [www.michigan.gov/recreationsafety](http://www.michigan.gov/recreationsafety).

## Outdoors Brief

### Date set for Midwinter Trappers Workshop, adults and children invited

HERMANVILLE – Officials of the U.P. Trappers Association, District 3 will host the 13th annual Midwinter Trappers Workshop Feb. 3. This popular event is for both adults and children interested in learning more about trapping.

Doors will open at 8 a.m. (CDT) at the Community Center in Hermansville.

Trapping supply dealers and a fur-buyer will be on hand, and all children will receive a free weasel box and trap and be included in a drawing to win other free trapping supplies.

Local trapping experts will present how to trap weasels, mink, muskrats, raccoons, etc. and a professional fur handler will demonstrate how to properly prepare them for market.

"We are hoping to once again see a large turnout of youngsters and adults at the workshop. It is always a fun day for the kids but also it is great to see veteran trappers interact with the youngsters," said Eugene Arduin, longtime member of U.P. Trappers.

"These guys have a lot of

experience and are happy to share their tips and trapping tales. They also happily answer all the kid's questions. This is a great enjoyable learning experience for all. We see a lot of kids return each year as they really enjoy our workshop."

The event is open to the public and admission is free. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day.

For further information, directions, call Mike Lewis at (906) 774-3592 or visit [www.uptrappers.com](http://www.uptrappers.com).

## Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

on the warrant of the Auditor General, monthly, on the approval of his vouchers thereto.

(2) Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of said game and fish warden to enforce the statutes of this state for the preservation of moose, wapiti, deer, birds and fish. And to enforce all other laws of this state for the protection and propagation of birds, game and fish, now in force, or hereinafter enacted, and to bring or cause to be brought actions and proceedings in the name of the people of this State to punish any parties for the violation of said statutes and laws. Such actions and proceedings may be brought in the name of The People, in the like cases, in the same courts, and under the same circumstances as they may now and at any time hereafter be brought by any individual or by the prosecuting attorneys of the several counties under and by virtue of any laws now existing or hereafter enacted.

(3) Sec. 3 Said warden may make complaint and cause proceedings to be commenced against any person for the violation of any of the laws for the protection or propagation of game and fish without the sanction of the prosecuting attorney of the county in which such proceedings are commenced, and in such case he shall not be obliged to furnish security for cost.

(4) Sec. 4 Said game and fish warden shall have the same power to serve criminal process as sheriffs, and shall have the same rights as sheriffs to require aid in executing such process. Said warden may arrest, without warrant, any person

caught by him in the act of violating any of the aforesaid laws for the protection and propagation of

birds, game and fish, and take such person forthwith before the justice of the peace, or other magistrate having jurisdiction, who shall proceed without delay to hear, try and determine the matter, and the said proceedings shall be as near may be, as in other criminal matters triable before a justice of the peace, or other magistrate having jurisdiction. Such arrest may be made on Sunday, in which case the person arrested shall be taken before the justice of the peace or other magistrate having jurisdiction, and proceeded against soon as may be, on a week day following the arrest.

(5) Sec. 5 This section shall state that each December the game and fish warden must give a report writing to the Auditor General.

(6) Sec. 6 This section states the game and fish warden must in writing a monthly report to the Secretary of State office.

(7) Sec. 7 This said game and fish warden shall have power appoint a deputy or deputies, to exceeding three, in each county, who shall be residents there said deputies shall have the same powers in their respective county as herein provided for the warden himself, subject to the supervision and control of the warden (Compensation for these deputy wardens was set by the county persivors.)

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